

The President's Call to Victory

AN EDITORIAL

THE President's speech on America's duty in the war was of the kind that leaves a lasting imprint on history. It laid down, with boldness against the enemy within and without, the path of world-wide attack which America must follow to victory.

We believe that it will be hailed throughout the world among the United Nations as an act of encouragement and strength in the common fight to destroy the Axis.

Without reticence or illusion, the President called upon America to take its place in the far-flung battle-lines wherever they may be.

He made clear the decisive world-wide role that the United States must play to bring the war to a victorious conclusion over Hitler and his allies.

THE President showed America how to meet the strategy of Hitler's fifth column operating within our gates.

To the "turtle" counsels of "last-ditch defense," propagated by Cliveden Set propagandists, Roosevelt gave the challenging rebuke—"... we reject the turtle policy and will continue increasingly the policy of carrying the war to the enemy..."

To the unscrupulous rumor-mongers who seek to break the unity of the anti-Axis powers, Roosevelt gave the scathing retort which rings around the world:

"The United Nations constitute an association of independent peoples of equal dignity and importance. The United Nations are dedicated to a common cause. We share equally and with equal zeal the anguish and awful sacrifices of war. In the partnership of our common enterprise, we must share in a unified plan in which all of us must play our several parts, each of us being equally indispensable and dependent upon each other."

To every friend of the Axis who uses our press and our radio to weaken our faith in our allies, Roosevelt gave the crushing reply:

"There have been times when the fate of London and Moscow was in doubt. But there was never the slightest question that either the British or the Russians would yield. And today all the United Nations salute the superb Russian Army as it celebrates the 24th anniversary of its first assembly."

Finally, to those who would aid the enemy by aggravating inner strife to disrupt national unity, the President made the significant answer—

"We Americans will contribute unified production and a unified acceptance of sacrifice and effort. That means a national unity that can know no limitations, or race, or creed, or selfish politics."

Thus, the President summons the United States regardless of political affiliation, to unite within and without to fulfill its world-historic role in the smashing of mankind's worst enemy—Hitler and his allies and agents.

MUCH will have to be done to realize the President's victory plan in all its actuality.

The American people will see the necessity for more speed in realizing the President's summons.

Rejoicing in the firmer clasp of unity which the President extended to our allies, the people will press forward for a speedy realization of a full American-Soviet military and political alliance so necessary if the offensive is to be quickly and effectively launched and if victory is to be won.

In depicting the perils which surround our country, the President has added new weight to the argument for greater urgency in removing all obstacles to all-out production, and for speedier creation of the great Army and Navy needed to carry the war to the enemy throughout the world.

America and her allies have opportunities for smashing at the enemy in the spirit of attack which the President has inscribed on our banners. Japan's supply lines are greatly extended; they can be struck at and seriously damaged.

In Europe, the Axis has an Achilles heel in the exposed coasts of France and Norway; the conquered countries are ready to assist in opening a new front against Hitler's armies.

The President's plan for tightening every sinew of America for battle fires the heart and imagination of the nation. Time does not wait; the enemy does not wait. Let America move into the battle.

Let the whole people and labor render full support to the President and the government in translating his speech into the war materials, into the Army and Navy which are necessary, and the world unity which the global struggle demands.

Noted Educator Joins Free Browder Parley

Dr. Abraham Flexner, internationally-known educator and director emeritus of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton University, is one of the sponsors of the National Free Browder Parley which will assemble in New York City on March 28 and 29. It was announced yesterday by the Citizens' Committee.

The call for the Congress, signed by many outstanding educators, scientists, trade union officials and religious leaders, declared that the four-year sentence given Browder is a violation of American justice and fair play.

"With the democratic process of life—guaranteed by our Bill of Rights—at stake in this war," the call declared, "with our people

fighting to bring this struggle for justice and freedom to a successful conclusion, millions of Americans are asking: why the continued imprisonment of Earl Browder? "Of the 125 passport cases in the Southern District of New York where Browder was tried, one-third received suspended sentences, eight were punished by fines alone—all paid less than Earl Browder—and one-fifth were not even brought to trial. Among those who received prison sentences, 30 to 90 days was the usual penalty.

"The spectacle of an American receiving a four-year prison sentence on so technical a charge has caused millions of patriotic, public-

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MURRAY CHARGES DIES SHIELDED NAZI AGENTS AND CLIVEDEN SET

CIO Leader Asks House Dissolve Committee

Activities Have 'Created Disunity' and Hurt Nation's Morale

Adam Lapin (Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—CIO President Philip Murray charged today that the Dies Committee has done nothing to interfere with or investigate "such subversive un-American activities as the American Cliveden Set, American appeasers and Nazi organizations and agents."

Murray made this charge in a letter to all members of the House urging that the request of Rep. Martin Dies for a continuation of his committee "be rejected."

With Rep. Dies' resolution providing for an extension of his committee likely to come before the House Thursday, the strong stand taken by the CIO chief may have an important effect in lining up Congressmen from labor districts against the Dies Committee.

Observers here also considered significant Murray's sharply worded reference to the "un-American activities" of the Cliveden Set and the appeasers.

CREATES DISUNITY

Murray declared that the activities of the Dies Committee "have been directed toward the creation of disunity and the undermining of national morale" and warned of the negative effect on "the united effort to prosecute the war" if the committee is continued.

"Unfair and unjustified reflections have been cast by this committee upon responsible executive officials of the federal government charged with the fulfillment of certain major phases of our war program," Murray said. "Labor unions and other liberal organizations have been harassed and their legitimate activities interfered with by this committee with the sole known purpose of aiding the enemies of labor."

"As against this record the Dies Committee has an almost unblemished record of not having interfered, nor at the present time doing anything by way of actual investigation such subversive un-American activities as the American Cliveden Set, American appeasers and Nazi organizations and agents."

Murray sent to all members of the House copies of the resolution passed by the CIO Executive Board a few weeks ago which charged that the Dies Committee "offers aid and comfort to the Axis powers."

Sentiment against the Dies Committee in the House has picked up considerably in the last two weeks since James L. Fly, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, revealed that Rep. Dies is one of the most frequently quoted Americans on Nazi shortwave propaganda broadcasts.

Revelation by Rep. Vito Marcantonio that the White House, the Department of State and Justice Department, have blasted Dies' alibi for failure to investigate Japanese espionage have contributed to the anti-Dies sentiment.

In the outcome of the House vote much will depend on whether Majority Leader John W. McCormack and other administration leaders will now revise their positions and take a clear-cut stand against Dies. McCormack had previously announced that he would support continuation of the Dies Committee.

Act to Speed Army Induction Of Selectees

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—Selective Service headquarters announced today that the normal wait of about 10 days between the time a prospective selectee is examined by Army physicians and the time he actually is inducted, has been eliminated to speed up expansion of the Army.

Hereafter, it was disclosed, registrants will be ordered to report for induction after they have passed the "screening" examination by local draft boards. When they report in compliance with this notice, they will be gone over by Army doctors and, if accepted, inducted immediately.

Officials explained, however, that "in cases where the immediate induction would cause undue hardship to the registrant he will be given an immediate furlough to adjust his civilian affairs." They said local boards still will conduct "screening" examinations to eliminate "obviously physically unfit men."



PHILIP MURRAY

Churchill Hints at More Shifts In Cabinet

Says Tokio Has 'Waning Superiority; Bares Rising Ship Losses'

LONDON, Feb. 24 (UP).—Prime Minister Winston Churchill, warning that many months of "tormenting and protracted ordeals" lay between the Allies and ultimate victory, announced today that shipping losses had shot up alarmingly in the first two months of 1942.

Facing the House of Commons whose criticisms he had partly satisfied with two Cabinet shuffles, Churchill reported at the outset of two days of war debate that:

1.—An estimated 75,000 Imperial troops were captured at Singapore, to which more than 40,000 men and much material were sent after hostilities threatened, despite pressing needs elsewhere. Churchill said the number of captured was based on enemy claims, but he did not attempt to refute them.

2.—Japan has an estimated 26 divisions—320,000 men—in the South Pacific, Burma, Malaya and the Philippines and "we have not got so many."

3.—Japan has temporary and "waning" command of the sea and command of the air "which makes it costly and difficult for our air reinforcements to establish themselves and secure dominance."

4.—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek has accepted an invitation for a representative of China to join the Pacific War Council. There was no indication that Chiang himself would assume the role.

5.—Further government changes are contemplated among the undersecretaries to consolidate and coordinate the new Cabinet setup.

6.—"The extraordinary successes of the valiant Russian armies

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'Many Years of Health And Active Leadership'

The Political Committee of the National Committee of the Communist Party yesterday extended its greetings to William Z. Foster, Communist Party National Chairman, on the occasion of his 61st birthday today. The greeting follows:

The whole Party joins with us in extending heartfelt greetings to you on your sixty-first birthday. The tense and critical months during which our country and the world have been face to face with the greatest crisis in history have given all of us an increased appreciation of your contribution to the Party. You did not lose a minute in assuming the additional burdens that had to be met in the absence of our beloved leader Earl Browder, and this splendid example has inspired all of us to work in the manner demanded of our Party by the working class and the nation in this unprecedented war for the independence and freedom of our country and the world. We take this occasion to congratulate you and wish you many years of health and active leadership, knowing that you want the Party to use every single precious moment to fulfill its manifold duties and tasks which are dedicated to the single object of winning the war over the fascist enemy of all mankind.

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U. S. HUNTS SUB AFTER WEST COAST SHELLING

Gale Pounds Navy Ships To Pieces, 189 Lost

Aged Destroyer and Cargo Ship Founder Off Newfoundland

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—The Navy today recorded one of its worst Atlantic disasters—the loss of at least 189 officers and men who perished when an aged destroyer and a modern naval cargo ship were caught up by a howling gale and pounded to pieces against Newfoundland's jagged coast.

Shattered like match boxes were the 21-year-old, 1,200-ton destroyer Truxton and the 8,000-ton cargo ship Pollux, units of a convoy.

The Truxton lost 90 enlisted men and seven officers, including the skipper—Lieut. Cmdr. Ralph Hickox, 38 and possibly three others.

One officer and 91 enlisted men aboard the Pollux were presumed lost.

There was no announcement as to the number rescued but a destroyer's normal wartime complement is about 150 officers and men. A ship the size of the Pollux could be assumed to carry 200 men.

Details as to the date and precise scene of the disaster were withheld but there was enough data to reveal a pulsating drama of the sea—a tragedy studded with heroic but futile bravery.

A communique told how the vessels were driven around by a fierce, 60-mile gale that whipped the sea into frothy mountains. While the waves battered the ships against the rocks sailors leaped into the icy waters and strove to swim ashore with life lines. Their heroic efforts failed. The lines became oil soaked and unmanageable. Eventually a line was shot ashore and a breeches buoy was rigged to a ledge. But some of the men who thus managed to reach land were sucked back by giant waves before they could scramble up the cliffs to safety.

Steel Hearing Delayed

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The War Labor Board announced that the hearing on Little Steel's dispute with the CIO steel workers, due to open today, had been postponed until Thursday. No reason was given.



CIO-AFL SHAKE: Allan S. Haywood, national organizational director of the CIO (left), and George Meany, general secretary-treasurer of the AFL, seal labor's pledge for unity behind the defense bond drive, with a hand-shake at the Commodore Hotel united labor luncheon yesterday. Edward Vals, president of the Photo Engravers Union, is shown (center). [Story on page 5.]

Soviets Advancing In Smolensk Area

Junker Planes Desperately Seek to Aid Encircled Troops with Arms, Food

LONDON, Feb. 24 (UP).—Soviet troops driving westward from recaptured Dorogobuzh in a rapidly developing offensive were reported tonight to be less than 48 miles from Smolensk, the main German base of the entire central front.

The Moscow Radio reported that in the central sector the Red Army offensive was inflicting particularly heavy casualties on the retreating enemy, more than 1,000 Germans being killed in one sector alone.

On the Southern Front, it said, the Soviets destroyed enemy formations in the region of "L" and sent the Germans fleeing westward. In another sector the invaders were driven out of a village and a wireless station and considerable equipment captured.

At still another point, Soviet tanks penetrated the German lines and destroyed seven earth and wood fortifications. Two enemy regiments were shattered.

Soviet planes operating over the Southern Front destroyed seven tanks, 10 railway cars, and about 100 vehicles loaded with supplies.

By Ilya Ehrenbourg (Soviet War Correspondent)

(Written for United Press)

WITH THE RED ARMY ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT, Feb. 23 (Delayed) (UP).—German garrisons of a dozen Soviet-besieged cities gaze hopefully into the heavens, looking not for divine omens but for the big Junkers 52 transport planes bringing such manna as oatmeal and ammunition.

Reinforcements move up that way, too, sometimes whole divisions of troops from France or Yugoslavia or Denmark, so great is the urgency of plugging up gaps blasted by the Red Army in sectors not readily accessible by land.

The railroads behind the German front are not in good condition. Add the snowdrifts and the guerrilla harassment, and the air lane becomes a comparatively quiet route for the Germans.

During the fighting for Kholm, 15 Junkers 52's brought up soldiers and arms. While the garrison of Buhkhnichi still resisted, it was supplied by transport planes and towed gliders.

There is talk of the Germans having something called a "kolossal" freight glider accommodating 150 men in full kit. Prisoners say everything connected with it is

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Japanese Cut Burma Road North Of Rangoon

Bataan Lull Continues; U. S. Bombers Blast Foe on Bali

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24. (UP).—The War Department announced today that Army and Navy aircraft and ships have begun a wide-spread search for the Japanese submarine which shelled an oil refinery last night near Santa Barbara, Calif.

News of the search was contained in a departmental communique which said that the submarine fired 25 rounds of five-inch shells at the Bunkline oil refinery near Elwood, which is 12 miles west of Santa Barbara.

The communique said that only slight damage was done in the attack, which began about 7:30 P. M. Pacific War Time and that there were no casualties. The submarine, according to the communique, was about one-quarter of a mile off Elwood and opened fire from two five-inch guns.

BATAAN LULL CONTINUES, FOE BOMBS SUPPLY LINES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—A continued lull in the battle of the Philippines was reported today by the War Department, which noted, however, that Japanese planes again have showered incendiary bombs behind Gen. Douglas MacArthur's lines in Bataan.

The second successive day of all quiet—most protracted lull thus far in the 12-week campaign—was recorded in the Army communique.

For the Philippine theater, the communique said simply:

"There was no activity of ground troops on either side during the past 24 hours. Enemy aircraft dropped a considerable number of incendiary bombs behind our lines."

This was the second time in the past week that the Japanese have resorted to incendiaries—apparently attempting to destroy MacArthur's food and ammunition supplies on the peninsula and disconcert the defenders.

U. S. BOMBERS HUNT REMNANTS OF FOE'S ARMADA

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN JAVA, Feb. 24 (UP).—United States bombers searched the waters east of Java today for remnants of a Japanese invasion fleet smashed there, or for any new ships which might attempt to reinforce 3,000 isolated Japanese who seized the

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Lift Army Jim-Crow, Jersey Legion Asks

(Special to the Daily Worker)

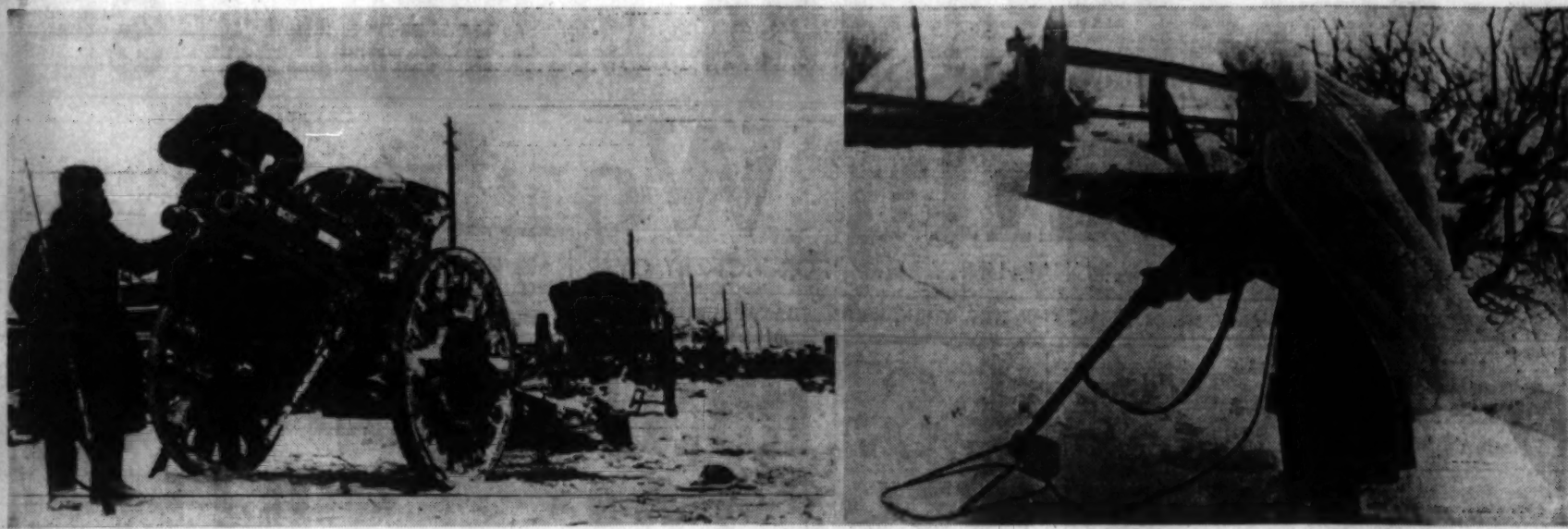
TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 24.—The Executive Committee of the New Jersey Department, American Legion, at its session here, unanimously passed a resolution urging that Negroes should be permitted to serve in all armed forces of the United States.

Sponsored by the Mercer County committee, the resolution in its original form demanded that the Negro be permitted to serve in all branches of the United States Navy, pointing out that at present he is only permitted to serve in the capacity of mess attendant, cabin boy or menial servant.

The policy committee, headed by Past Commander Samuel Spingarn, was divided on action and a substitute measure was offered which asked that there be no discrimination against the Negro in any of the armed services.

A plea for elimination of discrimination was made by Dr. Patton Hill, superintendent of the New Lincoln School of Trenton and commander of Mitchell Davis Post, who said: "I don't think that the American Legion should stand by and see one-tenth of the population of the country be subjected to discrimination."

Radiophotos Show Red Army Units in Action on the Eastern Front



These pictures radiated here yesterday from Moscow show units of the Red Army in action on the snow-covered Eastern Front. Guns captured from the retreating Nazis are examined by their captors in photo (left). A sapper, clad in a white mantle for camouflage, removes mines placed by retreating

Nazis at approaches to a bridge. Picture at right shows a while-clad guerrilla sniper hidden in the snow-covered branches of a tree.



Red Army Battle Cry Today Echoes Lenin's Words in '18

Born Under Lenin's Leadership, Red Army Carries Out Its Heroic Traditions with Stalin at Helm

By A. Claire

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Feb. 24.—Twenty-four years ago. The same biting February wind swept Russia's vast plains. There were the same immense snowdrifts and smoky bonfires at every crossroad. Wounded and mutilated by well-nigh four years of predatory war, the country was in the throes of upheaval. Hunger, universal devastation, typhus were rampant. Battered railway cars, smashed engines and the rare spectacle of smoke belching forth from factory smokestacks.

Like an avalanche Russia's colossal mass of soldiery was forging its way across the country. Every step took it further away from the front. These men were going back to their homes. For years they were made to suffer in the trenches for a cause that wasn't theirs, for a cause that wasn't theirs, that magnificent bravery of the Russian soldier and his traditional devotion to duty.

But now they were going back, upsetting everything that barred their road and keeping a tight grip on rifle, machine-gun and cartridges.

Lenin, in Petrograd, thousands of miles from the front heard this tramping of marching soldiery, felt this breath of millions. He saw men in field gray clinging to trains, famished horses no longer able to haul artillery, guns and abandoned trenches.

Advancing on these trenches and on Soviet Russia, taking the country by the throat, were the robber hordes of the German Kaiser. Under their blows the front line crumpled. The Germans captured Dvinsk, Rowno, Revel; Minsk had fallen; Gomel, Orsha, Rechitsa and Pakov were in German hands.

NEEDED BREATHING PERIOD

Lenin perceived the danger. There was no time to lose and none for hesitation. A decision had to be taken, the jaws of the German beast had to be closed by throwing him some booty, otherwise he would swallow the whole of the young Soviet country. An end had to be brought to this war so hated by the people.

Around Rostov, in the Donbas and near Novocherkassk the first battles of a new war were being fought spontaneously. This was a patriotic war for liberty, peace and land. The country needed a breathing space in which to muster its own new Soviet Army. Lenin could see this army in the making.

"The detachments of the Revolutionary Volunteers Army now being formed are the officers of our future army," he said in demanding the conclusion of the unbearably humiliating peace with the Germans.

This bitter peace was signed at Brest-Litovsk and with it came orders for the demobilization of the old Army. The hand of the world's boldest surgeon didn't tremble before this amputation. The country's organism began to recuperate and on the 23rd of February, 1918, came that miracle which Lenin foresaw with the unyielding conviction of a real leader of millions. From the flames of the civil war, from the surging passions of the people, there sprang up a new force—the Workers and Peasants Red Army. This army went into battle against the foe and stemmed his advance.

The German military machine was hurled back at the point of the Red Army bayonet, just as today Hitler's machine of death and destruction recoiled under the blows of the Soviet people.

On Feb. 23, 1918, the Red Army ushered in a new era in history. With every day the outlines of the patriotic war for liberation have become clearer. Now again

the Red Army is engaged in a similar, titanic single-handed struggle against the Hitler hordes, but this time it can fall back on a mighty Socialist State.

Lenin constantly warned the hungry, suffering and ill-armed country of what grim dangers confronted it, he pointed out the magnitude, length and intensity of the struggle that lay ahead. Under his direction the Red Army developed from scattered strong and feeble detachments into a force capable of repulsing a strong adversary.

LENIN, THEN STALIN

Twenty-four years later Stalin was to tell the people, who had already gone through the school of 1918, and who knew how to face danger that the enemy was cruel and inexorable, that his armies were seasoned and trained in two years of warfare and well provided with weapons, that the life of the Soviet State was at stake.

The country was overwhelmed by the suddenness of the first reverses suffered by the Red Army. Stalin told the people: There are no invincible armies nor were there ever any. In the dark days of November, 1941, Hitler cut the living body of the Ukraine, overran Latvia, Lithuania, Byelorussia, he was shelling Leningrad and examining Moscow through binoculars. Stalin told the people: "Hold out, the danger is great and the most difficult times are still ahead."

Lenin taught the country to carefully appraise the relation of forces and to correctly judge the value of time and space in relation to every turn in the situation.

"If our forces are avowedly small, the most important means of defense is retreat into the heart of the country," he said.

His reply to the charlatans, the secret enemy agents who clamored for offensive war in the days of the Brest-Litovsk peace and who went as far as contemplating the "possibility of losing Soviet Power" was: No, we shall retreat today, even if we have to give up Moscow and Petrograd, retreat, even if, bitter necessity compels us, to the Urals, in order that tomorrow, having gathered our forces and regrouped them, we will be able to leap forward.

Twenty-four years later, the Red Army was compelled to withdraw. This was dictated by the relation of forces and by the political situation. The enemy had launched a treacherous attack. He had a larger number of tanks and aircraft in this war of machines. He had the advantages of a free-booter. Temporary advantages, it is true, but they had to be faced.

But the liberating Red Army closely studied its adversary and detected vulnerable points. Hitler was racing against time and eager to gain more territory. Time was his worst enemy. The Red Army was yielding territory in order to gain time, for time was an ally for the Soviet Union.

TIME—THE ANSWER

The Red Army's manpower, material and spiritual reserves are inexhaustible. Its main forces were not yet deployed. Weapons had to be accumulated. The huge multi-national country had to be

converted into a powerful arsenal, forging weapons for the front.

Hitler was feverishly driving ahead with his blitzkrieg. The Red Army made him fight a long, protracted war, a war of attrition, a war in which the time factor would predominate. For the time being it was imperative to withdraw, but under no circumstances to surrender, as Lenin taught the country. The country had to fight and fight hard, for this alone could wear down the enemy, undermine his morale and frustrate his plans. Fight, because only in fighting are armies trained, only in fighting do they learn the enemy's weak points, learn to defy death and advance to victory.

The Red Army fought for every inch of soil and withdrew in constant battle, launching incessant counterattacks. It set up innumerable barriers to the advancing foe. Its men were becoming accustomed to the bluff and adventurous tactics of the enemy, they became bolder as they saw through enemy methods and strengthened their resistance with every passing day.

Hitler hurled his panzer columns far ahead. In his fury he sought to break the time factor and avert the frustration of his plans by immense pincer movements. But he never attained that all-crushing, impetuous forward movement as in France.

In the sanguinary combats with the Red Army, the myth of German invincibility was torn to shreds before the very eyes of the German soldier. Hitler began to lose his Guderians and Reichenaus, while the Red Army produced men like Boldin and Yaremchuk, Rokodtsov and Panfilov, Lelyushenko, Vlasov and Golikov.

Withdrawal when withdrawing is inevitable, but use retreat to wipe out the enemy, Lenin taught the country.

THE BURNING SOIL

Under cover of the Red Army man fighting to his last bullet, everything that could be salvaged was evacuated to the deep rear. Factories, machinery and rolling stock were removed in good time. But where this was impossible everything that could not be removed was destroyed without exception. Everything that could aid, support or feed the enemy was ruthlessly demolished. The Germans found the Ukrainian, Moldavian and Byelo-Russian soil burning under their feet.

On the eve of the anniversary of the Revolution, Nov. 6, 1941, Stalin was to tell the Soviet people: Tomorrow our men will present a grim danger to the German Army. Exactly one month later, at dawn, Dec. 6, this turning point came. Three times Hitler changed his plans of seizing Moscow. Twice his attacks were broken by Moscow's defenders only to be resumed with renewed vigor. But the third time the attackers were hurled back and the front line began to shift westwards.

The Germans try to ascribe their retreat to the winter.

"Not the winter but an organic defect in the German headquarters' plans is to blame," replies the Soviet Command.

Tanker Withstands Torpedo Hits But 5 Die

Ship Pounded Off Coast, 7,000-Ton Sugar Freighter Sunk

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 24 (UP).—The 5,287-ton tanker Republic of the Petroleum Navigation Co., Houston, Tex., was hit twice by torpedoes off the Atlantic Coast Saturday night but stayed afloat. Five men were lost of the crew of 32.

The vessel was the 22nd announced target of enemy submarine attacks on shipping in United States Atlantic coastal waters since Jan. 14, and the third to survive. The Navy withheld information concerning the attack location and extent of damage, presumably to safeguard an effort to bring the tanker to port for repairs.

Capt. Alfred H. Anderson of Houston, Tex., who headed the 28 survivors, said the torpedoes struck in rapid sequence "as quick as you can say one-two." He said the tanker listed but did not catch fire.

Anderson said that Carter Ray Ebbs, 3rd assistant engineer, Houston; Ernest R. Beverly, oiler, New Orleans, and Jose Fernandez, fireman (address unknown), were on watch below decks when the torpedoes struck and presumably were killed by the explosions. He said the other two missing men, Herman Helker, messman, Houston, and Phil Dancereaux, messman, New Orleans, were last seen jumping overboard.

7,000-TON FREIGHTER SUNK OFF CIEFUEGOS

HAVANA, Feb. 24 (UP).—The Navy said today that the 7,000-ton American freighter Cofre, carrying 50,000-sacks of sugar from the Cuban ports of Manzanillo and Juaro, was torpedoed and sunk 60 miles off Cienfuegos Saturday night.

There were conflicting reports in Havana on the ship's name. The nearest approach by Lloyd's Register to the Cuban name was the 4,934-ton freighter Kofred, owned by the Waterman Steamship Corporation of Mobile, Ala.

Navy Chief Julio Diaz Arguelles said no survivors had been found.

Soviet Mines Speed Output In Donetz

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Feb. 24.—Twenty-three mines have been restored to production in the Donetz Basin in less than two months, a conference of Communist Party and Trade Union functionaries of the Rostov area disclosed yesterday.

The conference, held in the city of Shakhty, was also attended by executives of the Rostov Coal Trust. Some of the mines restored to production are already exceeding government quotas.

The miners are returning to the mines enthusiastically, often working waist deep in water to salvage the diggings.

Nazi Losses Force Use of Untrained Men

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, Feb. 24.—The enormous losses at the Soviet Front have forced the Nazi regime to resort to mass mobilization of industrial workers into the army, war prisoner Joseph Walt revealed here today.

Walt was a private in the Seventh Company, 431st Regiment, 131st German Infantry Division. Up to Jan. 15, 1942, Walt declared, "I worked at the war plant of Herxhey in Mainz. Owing to the enormous losses of the German Army, workers in industry began to be mobilized on a mass scale in Germany. I was among this number."

"I have no military training whatsoever. I was shipped to the Soviet-German Front along with a group of soldiers also without training."

"When I reached my company it consisted of only four soldiers, two non-commissioned officers, one sergeant-major and company commander Lieut. Werning. Counting reinforcements the company had 19 men. (The normal strength of a German infantry company is approximately 185 men). In the very first attack nine of us were put out of action. I realized we were doomed to certain death and surrendered on the following day."

Czech Paper Hails Anglo-Soviet Appeal

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The appeal of the Anglo-Soviet Trade Union committee to the workers of the occupied countries to increase sabotage against the Nazis will win a powerful response from Czech workers, the newspaper Czechoslovakia, published here, declared.

The manifesto of the committee, it declared, "will give force and hope to the whole of Europe and to the working class." Czechoslovakia's comment follows:

"The manifesto of the British-Soviet Trade Union Committee to the European worker has more than mere propagandist importance. In the occupied countries the workers lack neither courage nor initiative in planning and carrying out sabotage. It was above all the Czech working class which achieved incredible results in industrial sabotage. Nevertheless the appeal of the British-Soviet Committee to intensify sabotage is not superfluous. This document tells of the fact that it is the result of agreement by the Soviet and British trade unions. Everyone who knew of the extent of the divisions in the workers' forces in the past 20 years, who understood how this split helped

fascism and Nazism, welcomes with deep satisfaction the agreement reached between the British and Soviet trade unions.

"If a common front of all the political forces of the working class movement had been achieved after the end of the World War and in the 1930's, Hitler would never have attained his successes."

MESSAGE OF HOPE

"The manifesto of the British and Soviet trade unions is a message which will give force and hope to the whole of Europe and to the working class. It is a promise that collaboration will win the war and will be the guarantee of a further peace policy."

"Agreement between different tendencies of workers' political groups who hitherto fought each other, will no doubt inspire courage in that part of the working class who after a series of disappointments and setbacks became resigned and passively left things to fate. This means that further masses of workers will contribute to the sabotage of Germany's war production."

"This is also the expectation of the sponsors of the British-Soviet manifesto and their hope of the intensification of sabotage is well founded."

Biddle Lists 'Leaks' on Aircraft Information

Asks Penalties of Gov't Contract Holders for Divulging Secrets

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—Attorney General Francis Biddle, asserting that there had been "leaks" concerning American aircraft plans, suggested today that holders of government contracts be made subject to criminal penalties for divulging production secrets.

Biddle made the suggestion at a hearing before a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on a proposed "official secrets" bill which would give federal officials far-reaching censorship powers over all types of information pertaining to government activities.

Without mentioning names, Biddle listed cases in which production plans, drawings of aircraft parts and army codes "leaked" into publication or enemy hands. He added that the Justice Department had been able to obtain only one conviction in a considerable list of such cases.

Biddle said the war has encouraged development of a "myriad of techniques in the strategy of terror." He urged that plants working on government orders be placed under the proposed censorship bill which would provide fines and jail sentences for persons "willfully and knowingly" communicating contents of confidential plans and documents.

LISTS RECENT CASES

Biddle listed as recent cases brought to the department's attention:

1—"Leaks" from the Wright Aeronautical Corp., Paterson, N. J., of production information and aircraft data to a newspaper.

2—A group of cases involving employees of aircraft plants who disclosed aircraft specifications to enemy agents.

3—Maps of Midway Island and its naval installations found in the possession of "an individual."

4—One hundred and one photographs of army camps and airfields found on another person.

5—Removal of production schedules from the Vultee Aircraft Corp.'s plants.

6—Publication in a technical journal of "detailed" production data involving the North American Aircraft plant.

7—"Lost" airplane specifications from a large Ohio aircraft plant.

8—Failure of a civil service employee to return to files data on the French 75 mm. artillery gun, which had been ordered forwarded to the Rock Island, Ill., ordnance plant.

9—An employee of the Douglas Aircraft Corp. who "took home for study" plans for army bombers.

10—A person who gained admittance to a Washington meeting at which plans for a civilian air patrol were discussed.

11—Individuals found with onion skin paper copies of army codes, communications and "flash messages."

Action on Envoys Taken By Washington, Bolivia

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Feb. 24 (UP).—The Foreign Office has announced acceptance of Pierre L. DeBaal as United States Ambassador to Bolivia, it was announced today, and presented the name of Luis Fernando Guachalla as Bolivian Ambassador to the United States.

DeBaal is the present American Minister to Nicaragua, and Guachalla is Bolivian Minister in Washington and La Paz, respectively. He recently been elevated to Embassy status.

On the War Fronts

(As of February 23rd)

By A VETERAN COMMANDER

It seems so far that the Japanese on Bataan Peninsula have not been the same since their abortive attempt at storming the American and Filipino positions early in February. The charge of the tank-riding Igorots so brilliantly described by Gen. MacArthur probably played a prominent part in this change of heart. Besides its purely military effect (the destruction of the entire Japanese Twelfth Infantry Regiment) it must have shown the propaganda soaked Japanese soldiers that there are "Asiatas" who would rather die than "cooperate" with them.

The Allied naval air success at Ball has not prevented the Japanese from occupying the Island—that stepping stone to Java and the latter seems to be in for a full dress attack. The battle of Ball was a sort of "continued-in-the-next-chapter" sequel to the battle of Macassar Strait, with similar results. The first was followed by the occupation of Borneo and part of Celebes, the second—by the occupation of Ball. The Allied Nations are still in the delaying action phase.

In Burma, the British are fighting a desperate action along the Sittang River. It is quite plausible that the Japanese have landed somewhere near the mouths of the Irrawaddy, west of Rangoon. The convoy which was seen in the Strait of Malacca a few days ago may have been going there. Such an action would force the British defense lines back to the Irrawaddy and Japanese bombers would be poised only some 500 miles from Calcutta, the terminus of the new supply line to China. It would seem probable that the Japanese now will throw in most of their land forces for an attempt to march into Assam, bordering on Burma in the northwest, and reach the Brahmaputra, thus blocking the alternate supply line to China by anchoring their forces in the mountains of Bhutan. Then, only caravan trails across Tibet would be open for communications with China. This sounds far-fetched, but the lightning march of the Japanese down to Singapore also looked far-fetched three months ago. All efforts will have to be made to prevent the Japanese from crossing the Irrawaddy.

There is nothing to report from Libya, except that General von Rommel seems to be moving his forces up to the forward points which might form a jumping-off place for a renewed attack. And then, again, all this might be a lot of stop-gap talk (when there is nothing to say in dispatches).

Well, Red Army Day did have a somewhat belated, but quite sensational announcement: the Red Army has recaptured Dorogobuzh. Now, this is not simply a name which is hard to pronounce. It is a place which was hard to take. Just look at your map. Take Vyazma as a focus and draw a rough circle around it with a radius of about 50 miles. This circle will cross five railroads—the line to Rzhnev at Sychevka, the line to Moscow east of Gzhatsk, the line to Kaluga west of Medyn, the line to Bryansk north of Spas Demensk and the line to Smolensk near Dorogobuzh. This five-spoked "wheel" with an area of some 7,500 square miles and having Vyazma as a hub is surrounded by the Red Army, with a passage some 20 to 25 miles wide presumably open (so far) between Dorogobuzh and Dukhovschina (in the western section of the circle). On top of this wheel sits the little circle drawn around besieged Rzhnev. This is the area of a great German concentration on the main operative direction of the entire front. No less than 200,000 to 300,000 German troops must be concentrated there with enormous supplies, stores and equipment. The Germans might still break out and crash through the artillery "wrecker" doubtless prepared for them on the Vop River, but they will certainly lose a lot of men and equipment in the process. There is a great encirclement, almost ideal in conception and execution. And, mind you, the march from Moscow to Dorogobuzh which seems to be clinching it (some 60 miles) was accomplished under the absolute cloak of silence which has prevailed in the Soviet communiques for three weeks. This IS good news.

A great attack is developing on the Leningrad front with the Navy taking part in the shelling of the German line. Sixty strong points have been taken. This begins to remind us of the breaking of the Mannerheim Line. That was in February too.

Small Axis Patrols Beaten Back in Libya

Situation Unchanged, RAF Downs Bomber, Malta Raided

CAIRO, Feb. 24 (UP).—Small Axis patrols feeling out British forward positions in the Libyan desert south and southwest of Tmimi were driven back by Imperial scouting parties, the Eighth Army Command announced today.

Reconnaissance along the line running southwest from Tmimi to Mekili showed little enemy activity and the situation unchanged, a communique said.

(Though the Cairo communique has mentioned the same Libyan

fighting areas for some days, a military commentator in London said the Axis forces had "come forward slightly in the coastal region, but there has been no action heavier than clashes between patrols. We hesitate to guess what the enemy is trying to do.")

The Royal Air Force reported considerable aerial activity Monday over the Libyan combat zone, but said there was only one engagement between British and enemy fighters. A German Messerschmitt was shot down and a number of other Axis planes were damaged badly.

Imperial bombers raided the Axis-held landing field at Martuba, on the coastal road northwest of Tmimi, Sunday night and bombs were seen bursting among dispersed planes, causing a number of fires.

Axis raiders continued the attack on Malta Sunday night and Monday, causing some damage and a few casualties, a RAF communique said.

Gurley Flynn Testimonial Honor Tonight

Hundreds of old and new friends will honor Elizabeth Gurley Flynn at a testimonial dinner tonight at the Aldine Club for her selfless work in behalf of America's political prisoners from Moyer-Heywood and Pettibone to Earl Browder in 1942.

The famed woman leader, who is executive secretary of the Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder, recently overcame a serious illness and her return to health and work will be celebrated Wednesday.

Sometime after the dinner, Gurley Flynn will make another national tour speaking for Earl Browder's freedom.

20,000 State Employees to Get Raises

Lehman, GOP Leaders Agree on Rise for Welfare Workers

ALBANY, Feb. 24 (UP).—Governor Lehman and Republican leaders agree today to grant pay increases to 20,000 employees of the Mental Hygiene, Correction, Health and Social Welfare departments at a cost of \$1,400,000.

Lehman, in a special message to the legislature, banned a general pay increase and Republican spokesmen said that bills should be supported to carry out the limited increase.

State employees have urged a sliding scale of raises for lower incomes in the state service and estimates of the cost of various plans have ranged up to \$4,000,000.

Lehman urged that the Feld-Hamilton law, providing annual pay increments to state employees, be extended to the four departments, effective July 1, 1943.

In the interim, he suggested, a salary adjustment plan should be put into effect this year on July 1, providing for a flat increase of 472 in the yearly salary of all full-time institutional employees not under the Feld-Hamilton act and received an annual salary of \$1,200 or less.

Newark CIO Scores Foran On Milk Ruling

Sees Danger to Health of Children in Ending Sealed Bottles

(Special to the Daily Worker)

NEWARK, Feb. 24.—The Greater Newark Industrial Union Council yesterday sharply protested Milk Director Foran's plan to do away with tamper-proof bottle caps on milk as a danger to the health of school children.

It also urged Director of Public Affairs Brady to carry out his plan to secure competitive bids for milk for schools and institutions.

In a letter sent to Brady by the Council, K. G. Hoffman, administrative secretary declared: "The Greater Newark Industrial Union Council urges you to go ahead with your expressed intention to secure bids for milk. Labor wholeheartedly endorses and supports your decent and patriotic stand."

The letter also protested the one-cent milk increase recently instituted by Foran.

Another communication stating the case of the low-income families who need more milk especially at this present time was sent to Milk Director Foran.

"We urge very strongly your reconsideration of these extraordinary milk price boosts, and allow children their measure supply of milk, looking toward increasing their supply by lowering these unjust and outrageous prices," it declared.

Women's Health Brigade Planned By ILGWU Locals

An organization meeting of representatives of New York locals of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union last Monday completed plans for establishing a Women's Health Brigade of 1,000 members, it was announced yesterday.

The Health Brigade members will undertake an intensive training program in first aid, home nursing, nutrition and civilian defense, according to Mark Starr, educational director of the Union.

AFL, CIO Unions, Cultural Leaders Back Browder Plea; Parley March 28

Rep. Marcantonio to Speak at Harlem Rally Tomorrow

Steadily gathering momentum, the campaign to free Earl Browder has been joined by dozens of trade unions and outstanding individuals in the past few days, with growing support for the national Free Earl Browder Congress to be held here on March 28 and 29, it was announced yesterday by the Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder.

In addition, it was announced that an all-Harlem rally to free Browder will be held tomorrow night at Park Palace, 110th St. and Fifth Ave., with Representative Vito Marcantonio the principal speaker.

Organizations which have recently written President Roosevelt urging executive clemency for Browder, or which have endorsed the national Congress, include the following: The state executive board of the Maryland and District of Columbia Industrial Union Council.

Local 76-B of the Furniture Workers Union, CIO, at a membership meeting here to install new officers. Local 3 of the Bakery and Confectionary Workers, AFL, at a membership meeting here.

The general executive board of the International Workers Order. The Hebrew Orphan Asylum Chapter of the Social Service Employees Union, Brooklyn.

The Cleveland National Maritime Union. Local 228 of the Cleaners, Pressers and Dyers of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, New Orleans.

Unit 466 of the American Federation of Teachers, Chapel Hill, N. C. Local 284 of the Protective Order of Dining Car Waiters and Attendants, Denver, Colo.

Local 877 of the United Cannery, Agricultural and Packing Workers, Richmond, Va.

The Cairo, Ill., branch of the National Maritime Union and the executive committee of Local 240 of the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Employees of the same city.

Sixteen additional writers and editors have also signed letters to the

City Rallies for Earl Browder

A series of Free Browder meetings throughout the city will carry home the nationwide appeal from citizens of every walk of life that the release of this great anti-fascist is a vital, an immediate need in the nation's present struggle against the Axis. These meetings, at which prominent speakers are scheduled, are under the sponsorship of the New York Community Divisions of the Committee to Free Earl Browder.

The list of citywide rallies and dates follow:

MANHATTAN

Wednesday, Feb. 25—7 P.M.; Banquet in honor of Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Executive Secretary, Citizens' Committee to Free Earl Browder. Aldine Club, 200 Fifth Ave. Reservations in advance at \$2.

Thursday, Feb. 26—8 P.M.; Great Central Palace, 92 Clinton St. Speakers: Angelo Herndon, Gil Green.

Thursday, Feb. 26—8 P.M.; Croatian Hall, 236 W. 40th St. Speakers: Janet Feder, James W. Ford.

Thursday, Feb. 26—8 P.M.; Park Palace, 110th St. and Fifth Ave. Speakers: Congressman Vito Marcantonio, Assemblyman Hulan Jack, Wilfred E. Lewis, New York State President, Brotherhood of Elks; Rev. David Lioch, A. W. Berry, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, Audley Moore, Mrs. Angelina Blocker, president, Loyal Women of America; Juan B. Emmanuel, editor of Echo Antillano and Anthony Juan Aviles, business agent of Local 302, Cafeteria Workers.

Friday, Feb. 27—8 P.M.; Bank St. School, 69 Bank St. Speaker: Sadie Van Veen.

Sunday, March 1—2 P.M.; Beethoven Hall, 210 E. Fifth St. Speaker: Janet Feder.

Friday, March 6—8 P.M.; Yorkville Casino, 210 E. 86th St. Speaker: William Browder.

Sunday, March 8—8 P.M.; Broadway Hebrew Center, 110th St. and Broadway. Speaker: Janet Feder and Wm. Albertson.

Thursday, Feb. 26—8 P.M.; President Chateau, 1688 President St. Speaker: William Browder.

Thursday, Feb. 26—8 P.M.; Benson Mansion, 1765 86th St. Speaker: William Albertson.

Thursday, Feb. 26—8 P.M.; Washington Palace, 157 South Ninth St. Speaker: Sadie Van Veen.

Thursday, March 5—8 P.M.; Premier Palace, 503 Street Ave. Speaker: William Browder.



Welcome Home: Irving Potash and John Vafiades, leaders of the Furriers Joint Council, welcomed at the union's office by a labor committee a few moments before they were received at a mass meeting. Left to right, Harry Reich, president of the Cooks and Pastry Cooks, AFL; Ben Gold, international president of the Fur and Leather Workers; Potash, Caryl Mills, secretary-treasurer of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council; Allan S. Haywood, general organizational director of the CIO, and Vafiades (left to right) are Winogradsky, assistant manager of the Joint Council, and Arthur Osman, president of Local 85, Wholesale and Warehouse Workers. —Daily Worker Photo

Labor Welcomes Potash, Vafiades at Mass Meeting

Freed Fur Union Leaders Pledge All Their Energy to Fight on Axis

New York labor, especially its thousands of fur workers, yesterday opened arms of welcome to Irving Potash, manager of the Furriers Joint Council and John Vafiades, manager of Greek Local 70, who are free after serving in prison 19 months and one week for their union activities.

Amidst cheers of many who jammed the union's headquarters at 259 W. 26th St., a committee consisting of many outstanding labor leaders of the city, escorted the two to a lunch - hour welcome mass meeting.

Heading the welcome committee was Allan S. Haywood, national director of the CIO. Among the others were Michael J. Quill, President of the Transport Workers Union; Saul Mills, secretary-treasurer of the Greater New York Industrial Union Council; Frederick N. Myers, vice-president of the National Maritime Union, who acted in place of President Curran who is ill; Joseph Selly, president of the American Communications Assn.; Harry Reich, president of the Cooks and Pastry Cooks, AFL; Eugene Connolly, Manhattan chairman of the American Labor Party; John Dermody, organizer of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers; I. Rosenberg, Manager of the United Shoe Workers.

Potash and Vafiades replied to cheers not as people who committed something wrong, but as men who have been made victims for their devotion to labor.

Speaking from the flower-decked stage, Haywood said: "It seems that they take pride in punishing honest labor leaders while fifth columnists get off."

"In behalf of the CIO and President Murray I am happy to welcome you back," he said. "We've got a big job to do - to unite the people. We've got the job to bring the resources of America for victory."

Quill, as most other speakers, said the celebration would not be complete until Jack Schneider, business agent of the union who is still imprisoned, is also free.

Someone in the audience called out the name of Browder.

"Yes and Browder too," Quill added, declaring that the country today needs every anti-fascist.

Potash and Vafiades replied to the greetings with a pledge to throw all their energy behind the war.

"The genuine celebration will really come when the forces under the name of Browder, of the heroic Chinese Army, the fighters of the glorious Red Army, of the British and all those under the

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Labor Here Welcomes Fur Leaders

St. Louis Parade Protests Lynching

Negro-White Demonstration Calls on Gov't, State to Act on Sikeston

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 24.—Protesting the recent brutal lynching of Cleo Wright, a Negro, in Sikeston, a parade of more than 100 automobiles and trucks representing several Negro and white organizations wound its way through downtown streets here last Sunday.

Hundreds of spectators lining sidewalks made their support of the main slogan, "Stop Lynching," obvious by their reactions.

Thousands of petitions to President Roosevelt and to Congress, urging immediate passage of the anti-lynching bill were circulated prior to and during the parade.

The parade was sponsored by the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People with the active support of several outstanding organizations.

The parade was led by the Drum and Bugle Corps of the 19th Ward. Other slogans borne by paraders included "Remember Pearl Harbor But Don't Forget Sikeston" and "Pass the Anti-Lynching Bill."

AFL UNION IN PARADE Prominent in the parade was Local 89 of the International Molders and Foundry Workers Union, AFL. The Local's contingent bore this slogan: "Unite for Victory—Jim Crowism is Un-American."

Earlier the local at a general membership meeting endorsed an Open Letter to Governor Forrest Donnell urging "speedy and decisive action" against the Sikeston lynchings.

The letter described the lynching as "brutal, uncivilized and fascist." "The identity of many of the leaders and participants of the mob is known," the letter said. "Why are these persons still at large?"

The unionists pointed out that "it is also from this part of the State (Sikeston) that there have come lurid stories of the persecution and bounding of sharecroppers, the running out of town of the duly authorized representatives of the American labor movement, both AFL and CIO, by armed and gangster-like 'vigilantes.'"

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SALUTE TO COMRADE FOSTER

The following is the text of the greeting to William Z. Foster, National Chairman of the Communist Party, on the occasion of his 61st birthday today by the New York State Committee. The message is signed by I. Amter, chairman, and Gil Green, secretary.

We greet Comrade Foster, National Chairman of our Party, on his sixty-first birthday.

For more than 40 years, Comrade Foster has been an outstanding son of the American working class and has played a leading role in the labor movement of this country.

In the absence of Comrade Browder, Comrade Foster's leadership has been invaluable in setting and clarifying the line of our Party, in guiding the Party in the tremendous task of helping to establish and maintain national unity,

in enabling the labor movement to determine its course, particularly in the critical period through which we are passing, and in exposing and fighting against the appeasers who are attempting to break national unity and to destroy the unity between the United States, Britain, the Soviet Union, China and the 22 other nations involved in the struggle to defeat the Axis powers.

May Comrade Foster have many years of active work and soon have by his side Comrade Browder to lead our Party with ever greater vigor and clarity in the solution of the tremendous problems facing our Nation.

New York State Committee Communist Party
I. AMTER, Chairman
Gil Green, Secretary

Viereck Tie To Lundeen Told at Trial

Nazi Agent Helped Draft Speeches in Senate, Witness Reveals

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24 (UP).—A witness at the trial of George Sylvester Viereck testified today that the late Sen. Ernest Lundeen, R-Minn., collaborated on Senate speeches with the defendant while Viereck was being paid by the German Government.

Mrs. Gordon Spielman of New York made the statement in cross-examination by Defense Counsel Emil Morosini.

Viereck is charged with concealing from the State Department some of his activities as a German agent.

Mrs. Spielman testified that Lundeen had told her that he and Viereck were friends of long standing.

"He knew that Viereck was a correspondent of a German newspaper and was being paid by the German Government," she said. "He said if ever we broke out there would naturally have to be a severance of relations" (between Viereck and his German connections).

Mrs. Spielman testified that Viereck prepared or helped to prepare speeches made by Lundeen in the Senate.

On one occasion, she said, she heard Viereck say, "I've tried to phrase it in the language that you use," in reference to a speech they were discussing.

Alliance Asks Increase In City Feed Aid

'Positive Features' of Budget Approved But Food Item Criticized

Hattie Champ, New York City Secretary of the Workers Alliance yesterday expressed approval of the "positive features" of the revised relief budget for the city, but urged that such inadequacies as the most vital of all items, food, be improved immediately.

"Our present national war effort for victory demands a healthy, well-fed people," said Miss Champ, "yet the Department of Public Welfare has not made any change in food allowances, which were 40 per cent below subsistence levels, even in ordinary times. The indisputable fact remains that food prices have already risen 21.8 per cent during the period between August, 1939 and December, 1941."

Miss Champ announced that the Alliance is "now contacting all city councilmen in an effort to have a resolution demanding a justified increase in the food allowance introduced into the Council."

They're Saying in Washington Now Twice a Week

Adam Lapin, Daily Worker Washington correspondent, whose weekly column—"They're Saying in Washington"—appears every Thursday, will contribute two columns weekly hereafter. Beginning this week, "They're Saying in Washington" will appear every Thursday and Saturday.



Soviets Advancing In Smolensk Area

Junker Planes Desperately Seek to Aid Encircled Troops with Arms, Food

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shrouded in mystery. It has not appeared on our front, a circumstance which leads many to believe the story is a fabrication.

CAPTURE FOOD FOR NAZIS

"Comrade Lieutenant, we got it," shouts a Red Army man, pointing to a bag of provisions thrown down for the beleaguered Germans. It contains food concentrates, bouillon cubes and chocolate.

This happens every day. Yesterday a Junker 52 was brought down here; today, two more.

At headquarters German prisoners are being questioned. Lance Corporal Walter Kraus says that only a week ago he was in the Serbian town of Skopje.

Hillier had planned to check the Red Army offensives with blockhouses, blindages, and the divisions which took a beating in January. He failed. The extent of his failure may be gauged by the fact that near Volkov below Leningrad the Germans hurled 12 divisions into the fray, and reserves are being brought up ever more frequently by air.

Captured German airmen's stories, fitted in with the reports of Soviet pilots, gave an idea of the German aerial transport problem. Last summer the Germans considered their transport planes of use mainly for landing operations.

TRANSPORT LOSSES

Of Hitler's 1,700 transport planes, about 600 comprised the 11th Air Corps designed for carrying large landing parties. Now the 11th Corps planes have become prosaic carriers, bringing up supplies and reinforcements.

Much of the German fuel supply also is being carried to air-

dromes by the big transports.

By now the story of the mechanics of German aerial transport is an old one. They prefer the Junker 52's, by no means a new craft. Sometimes they use four-engine Junker 90's and Pöckel-Wulf 200's.

The ordinary transport planes are armed relatively lightly and are vulnerable accordingly. Red Air Fleet fighter planes frequently bring down eight or ten Junker 52's in a day.

On the Kalinin front Soviet airmen smashed a huge German air-drome designed for the exclusive use of transport craft. Fifty-odd Junker 52's were destroyed.

The Germans are finding it more and more difficult to transfer their troops and ammunition by air. The land route, of course, remains, but guerrilla forces grow in power and spirit as the Red Army advances.

The Germans call the roads of White Russia the roads of death.

Tobacco Plant Rehires Unionist, Ends CIO Dispute

(Special to the Daily Worker)

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 24.—The two-week dispute between officials of the American Tobacco Company's Trenton plant and the CIO was ironed out today when the company agreed to rehire a woman shop foreman discharged for alleged organizing activities.

The employee, Mrs. Rose Melleson, according to an announcement by the United Cannery, Agricultural, Packing and Allied Workers of America, CIO, has been told to report back to work.

ALP Names Morrissey for Assembly Post

Democrat Hits Christian Front in Accepting Nomination

John P. Morrissey, Democrat, was designated the candidate of the American Labor Party for assemblyman from the 18th Assembly District, Manhattan, yesterday.

Special elections will be held on March 10 in the 18th A.D. to elect a successor to State Assemblyman Robert P. Wagner, Jr., who recently resigned to enter the armed forces.

Congressman Vito Marcantonio, ALP chairman, and Eugene P. Connelly, secretary, announced yesterday that they had filed a certificate with the Board of Elections naming Morrissey the ALP candidate.

Accepting the ALP's nomination, Mr. Morrissey stressed the need for unity behind the President's program in order to beat the Axis. Morrissey's statement of acceptance struck at discrimination and denounced the Christian Front, declaring:

"I will fight vigorously against all groups such as the so-called Christian Front which preach or practice anti-Semitism or other racial theories which are not only vicious in themselves but which divide the people and aid the Axis."

Morrissey declared himself "unreservedly" determined to do all within his power to help win the war against the Axis and "to aid our brave allies to do likewise."

Mr. Morrissey announced his opposition "to hysterical witch-hunts and other un-American methods which sap the people's morale." He also declared himself against any increase in the five-cent fare.

More Cabinet Shifts Hinted By Churchill

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have given us a breathing space, but as late as October and November we not only were fully extended but indeed overextended."

The house gave Churchill a thunderous cheer when he rose to speak and interrupted repeatedly with cries of "Hear, hear"—an attitude in stark contrast with that of a week ago when its truculence so nettled the Prime Minister that he challenged it to vote him out of office if it could find a better man for his job.

Churchill, in revealing further changes in his Cabinet set-up, expressed regret over the loss of "loyal and trusted colleagues."

But he added a word of confidence that "a more tenaciously braced, compact administration" had been achieved by the two Cabinet reorganizations.

Sir Stafford Cripps, new Lord Privy Seal and Government leader of Commons, Churchill said, undoubtedly will "prove to the House that he is a respecter of its authority and a leader capable of dealing with all the incidents, episodes and emergencies of the House of Commons and Parliamentary life."

James Griffiths, Labor Member, urged the Government to re-examine in detail the present production and coordination services and army training in order to eliminate all slack.

He also demanded to know whether the Government has "learned the political lessons of Malaya while there is yet time."

"Has our Government taken root in India?" he asked. "Doesn't the lesson of Malaya show that the Government which has no roots in the life of the people cannot wage successful war? I urge the Government to a new, fresh and urgent consideration of the India problem."

Von Papen Narrowly Escapes Bomb in Ankara

LONDON, Feb. 24 (UP).—The German Ambassador to Turkey, Franz von Papen, and his wife were hurried to the ground and narrowly escaped death when a bomb exploded near them on an Ankara street today, according to a Swiss Radio broadcast recorded here by the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Murray Urges Labor Vigilance On Tax Measure

Warns Reactionaries Seek Sales, Pay Taxes While Freeing Huge Profits

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—CIO President Philip Murray today urged all affiliated unions to be vigilant against efforts of reactionary groups to impose heavy sales and wage taxes and "leave unscathed" huge corporation profits.

Stating that a "sound tax program is essential to the maximum war effort of the nation," Murray declared that needed revenue can be raised from corporate profits, excise taxes on luxuries, higher taxes on the present income tax basis and by plugging loopholes in the tax structure.

"Therefore, there is no necessity of levying wage taxes or sales taxes," Murray said. "In fact, to do so would be a serious blow at the deficiency of the Nation's working people and at the morale of the country."

URGENT VIGILANCE

In his letter to CIO unions, Murray called attention to the fact that hearings on the administration's \$7,000,000,000 tax program will start in two or three weeks and emphasized that "it is important to begin now to awaken in Congress the realization of labor's interest in the tax bill."

"The only way to see that a sound tax program is enacted is by unceasing vigilance on the part of the working people of the country," Murray said. "Tax bills are enacted in the midst of such a cloud of secrecy and speculation that only by the closest attention it is possible to keep track of what is going on."

Murray stated that the basic tax issue is whether the new taxes shall be drawn primarily from the pockets of workers, farmers and others of the low income group or from corporation profits, the higher incomes, inheritances and luxuries.

There is a substantial group in the Congress, aided and abetted by the National Association of Manufacturers, Chambers of Commerce and other reactionary groups, which is anxious to have heavy sales taxes or wage taxes become the major source of revenue for the new tax bill. Such a program would be a most serious mistake. It would on the one hand cut into the bare livelihood of the working people of the nation who will need all their present income and more to maintain themselves in health and efficiency.

On the other hand, it would leave unscathed the excessive profits now being made by industries and by individuals.

Although she had been asked to cooperate with the government and tell everything she knew concerning Kurt Frederick Ludwig, spy chief, she had omitted a great number of things. Under cross examination Mrs. Mayer's excuse was that she "didn't think the F.B.I. would be interested."

On Aug. 27 she claimed she did not know that "Prits" was Ludwig. She forgot she had met the defendant Rene Frolich, former drafted soldier stationed at Governor's Island, in the summer of 1940.

She also failed to include in her Aug. 27 statement that she knew "Bill," western hemisphere spy head, who was Ludwig's superior. Correa also brought out that at the time of her first statement she neglected to inform the government that Ludwig had offered her a job as his secretary, that he had requested her to get addresses in Mexico for transmitting mail to Europe, or that Ludwig used a shorthand she could not decipher.

Lucy Boehmer, Ludwig's secretary and one of Mrs. Mayer's friends, also failed to appear in her statement of Aug. 27. Miss Boehmer, the government's main witness in the present trial, had been arrested on Aug. 26, and Mrs. Mayer knew of it.

"Isn't the reason that you didn't mention Lucy Boehmer in your statement because you didn't know if she had talked to the F.B.I.?" Correa demanded of Mrs. Mayer.

Correa continued to dissect the statement, showing that Mrs. Mayer had failed to inform the government of the trip Ludwig had taken last spring along the Atlantic coast, and that she was in charge of his post office box while he was away.

Communist Head Of Arizona Wins Right in Poll

(Special to the Daily Worker)

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 24.—Morris Graham, Arizona state secretary of the Communist Party, was certified by the Phoenix City Council this week as a candidate for city commissioner in the March 3 municipal election primaries.

A non-partisan committee backing Graham's candidacy had filed 430 voters' names on his nominating petition. The minimum number of names required is 225.

Major planks in Graham's election platform include all-out production, air raid shelters, acceleration of civilian defense, labor representation on all city boards, and outlawing of discrimination against Negroes and Mexicans.



U. S. Ski Parachutist: After one month of intensive training troopers of the 503rd Parachute Battalion are now seasoned ski soldiers. This soldier has just landed from a plane jump and is running to pick up his equipment which has been parachuted to earth from the plane.

U. S. Hunts Sub After West Coast Shelling

Japanese Cut Burma Road with Capture of Pegu North of Rangoon

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Denpasar Airfield in Southeast Asia.

On invasion-menaced Java, last major Dutch island not dominated by the enemy, defenders shot down probably two planes and damaged others of formations that continued to bomb and machine-gun Bandung, Malang and the Surabaya naval base without achieving much destruction.

All the Japanese warships and transports that descended on Bali last week were sunk or driven off, authoritative sources said. American reconnaissance pilots reported that the last they had seen of the armada was a line of four ships steaming slowly northward.

All four were warships. Only two were retreating under their own power. A cruiser was towing a bomb-battered destroyer, and another destroyer had in tow a crippled cruiser.

Heavy bombers and dive-bombers flown by United States Army airmen contributed to annihilation and dispersal of the fleet last week by sinking one cruiser, hitting six others, at least one of them seriously; sinking a transport, hitting a second and shooting down at least four Japanese fighter planes.

Dutch bombers and Allied warships, including submarines, accounted for the rest of the invasion ships.

The situation on Bali, invaded by the enemy to obtain a springboard against nearby Eastern Java, remained obscure today, but United States heavy bombers yesterday hammered at the Denpasar Airfield and Japanese bombers standing on it. Hangars and oil tanks were left blazing.

JAPANESE CAPTURE PEGU CUT BURMA ROAD

CHUNGKING, Feb. 24 (UP).—Japanese troops have captured the ancient city of Pegu, 40 miles northeast of Rangoon, cutting the Burma Road Railway, and are now marching toward the Bay of Bengal in an attempt to trap the British defenders in Southern Burma, an official military spokesman said today.

Chinese informed sources reported that Pegu, former capital of a powerful 16th century kingdom whose population has dwindled from 150,000 to 10,000 in three centuries, fell on Sunday after the Japanese stormed across the Sittang River, which empties into the Gulf of Martaban 25 miles to the East.

A strong Japanese column—one of three reported hitting at Burma from three sides—was reported

Marching up the railroad toward Promé, 150 miles northwest of Rangoon. Promé is about 70 miles from the Bay of Bengal and is on the Irrawaddy River. The main Burma Road railway extension runs about 65 miles east of Promé.

JAPANESE CAPTURE EAST BANK OF SITTANG RIVER

LONDON, Feb. 24 (UP).—Japanese troops have captured the east bank of the Sittang River, only 15 miles from the Burma Road railway extension, but they suffered heavy casualties in bayonet fighting before British Imperial defenders fell back to "good positions" on the western bank, official dispatches said tonight.

Royal Air Force and American Volunteer fliers continued to control the Burma skies, destroying at least seven enemy planes in 24 hours.

A Rangoon broadcast by the All-India Radio said the combined British-American air forces attacked Japanese ground installations and enemy planes today and destroyed four Japanese planes on the ground.

ALLIED FLIERS STRAFE JAPANESE COLUMNS

MANDALAY, Burma, Feb. 24 (UP).—Roads leading to the Sittang River front, 15 miles east of the Burma Road railway extension are "black" with Japanese troops and American and British fliers are mowing them down "by the hundreds," pilots reported today.

Reports from the front which is some 275 miles south of this stories city, indicated that the Japanese were making a prodigious effort to pour fresh troops and new equipment into the area in order to conquer Southern Burma before Allied reinforcements arrived.

Meanwhile, from Rangoon came word that all unnecessary civilians had been ordered evacuated and that, with the battle hourly getting closer to the historic Burma capital, preparations were being made for a long siege.

JAPANESE BOMBERS RAID PORT MORESBY

SYDNEY, Feb. 24 (UP).—Japanese warplanes raided Port Moresby, in New Guinea, today, but no vital damage resulted.

An Air Ministry communique said the Japanese came over in two waves, the bombers accompanied by fighters. There were no reports on the number of casualties but Arthur S. Drakeford, the Air Minister, said no vital installations at the port were damaged.

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Hamtramck Candidate Warns of Raid Danger

Hits City Council for Neglecting Defense of Huge Plants

(Special to the Daily Worker)
HAMTRAMCK, Mich., Feb. 24.—George Kristalsky in the lead article of his campaign newspaper issued today, demands that the Hamtramck city council immediately take steps to organize adequate protection of Hamtramck and its citizens from Axis bombing attacks.

Kristalsky's statement continues: "President Roosevelt brought home to all of us the seriousness of the danger of bombing attacks which confronts this entire area by his statement to his press conference Tuesday. It is a crime that after three months of war that no decisive steps have been taken by our local authorities to protect the lives of our citizens from this real danger."

"Bombers can attack Hamtramck by being launched from secret bases either from the Hudson Bay territory or even from the northwestern Pacific coast."

BIG PLANTS TARGET

"There is no doubt that our huge plants such as Dodge and Chevrolet would be targets. A bombing attack would not only put the production of defense materials out of commission, but would wreck dozens of workers' homes undoubtedly killing many of our men, women and children."

"As things stand today we have no protection in case a bombing should take place tomorrow. This amounts to criminal negligence on the part of those responsible, for it is well known that danger from bombing can be brought to a very minimum if proper precautions are taken."

"What has Ray Matyniak, candidate of the Kanar machine, and the Kanar-appointed city council defense committee done to prepare for the protection of our defense centers and its citizens?"

"This is what we mean by 'politics-as-usual' in this election campaign."

"Civilian defense authorities estimate that at least 3,300 persons are needed to man the protective services in Hamtramck. Yet a total of only a few hundred have been registered."

"Hamtramck needs 300 to 600 air-raid wardens yet only a pitiful handful have been signed up."

OUTLINE PROGRAM

"The time has come to stop using civilian defense as a political football and get down to the business of organizing the protection of Hamtramck's citizens and defense industry."

Kristalsky then proceeds to outline a simple 3-point program of immediate steps which must be taken:

- 1 — A gigantic registration program.
- 2 — Immediate organization of classes to train registrants for the various types of civilian defense work.
- 3 — Designation of air-raid shelters in each neighborhood and organization of the people in each block to be prepared to meet any possible attack in an organized and collective way.

AFL Machinists Leaders Meet to Boost Production

(Special to the Daily Worker)
ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 24.—More than 300 organizers and business agents of the AFL International Association of Machinists met here Feb. 21-22 to devise methods by which war production may be increased in the plants, where their 380,000 members work.

The union representatives who came from all over the country for the conference were headed by Emmett O. Davison, of Washington, secretary-treasurer of the association.

Production Offensive Now Will Block Axis in Spring, Says AFL

(Special to the Daily Worker)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Demanding more vigorous steps to "correct glaring delays" in war production, the Monthly Survey of the AFL warned that the ability of the United Nations to meet the spring offensive will depend upon how fast arms of the production line are rushed to the fronts.

"Every hour by which we can beat the production schedule means many lives saved, Axis advances stopped and the day of victory brought nearer," the Survey declared.

It charged that the War Production Board "apparently has not taken steps to correct glaring delays." Among specific instances men-

Davies Addresses 20,000 at Chicago Russian Aid Rally

Former Envoy to USSR Spikes Fifth Column Anti-Soviet Rumors; Mme. Litvinoff, AFL, CIO Leaders Speak

By Conrad Komorowski
(Special to the Daily Worker)

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Joseph Davies, former U.S. ambassador to the USSR, speaking here Sunday night at a giant mass rally of 20,000 held under the auspices of the Russian War Relief, Inc., interlarded his prepared speech a stirring call for a crusade to aid Russia and to stop "insidious, Fifth Column activities" hampering the war effort and striving to break our unity with our allies.

Lashing out at the "weasel" attacks against the integrity of the Soviet Union, Mr. Davies declared, "By the testimony of performance and in my opinion, the word of honor of the Soviet Government is as safe as the Bible."

Chicagoans poured out in great numbers to make the Russian War Relief rally an historic event in the friendship of the American and Soviet peoples. In a town that is the home of the Chicago Tribune, organ of the America First Committee and vicious enemy of American friendship with the Soviet Union, a town acclaimed by the appeasers as their own, the Chicago Stadium which is as large as Madison Square Garden was filled to the rafters by a great, united, determined audience.

MME. LITVINOFF SPEAKS

Highlights of the meeting were the speeches of Mr. Davies and of Madame Ivy Litvinoff, Ambassador Litvinoff, who had been invited, expressed his regrets that the press of his duties kept him in Washington.

Madame Litvinoff, who won the hearts of the audience by her charm and graciousness, made an appealing request for support of the work of the committee. In conclusion she expressed the hope that the friendship of the Soviet and American peoples, which is already of long duration, dating from American aid during the early post-war years of famine and epidemic in the USSR, will long endure.

The friendship that today is cemented in the world-wide struggle against Hitlerism today will tomorrow help in rebuilding the post-war world, she declared.

Davies aroused the audience to deafening applause time and time again as he showed how the Soviet Union is today defending civilization and why America must aid "the gallant Russians."

The Soviet Union, he said, is "giving incalculable service in keeping Hitler from imposing slavery on the free men of this earth, including ourselves."

LAUDS SOVIET POLICY

In a brief historical introduction, he graphically described the pre-war Soviet policy of indivisibility of peace, of collective security, of checking the aggressor.

"They were right," he said, "when others of us slept."

While the Soviet Union followed this international policy, it also followed an internal policy of crushing foreign agents in time.

"While others slept, the Soviet Union cleaned its house of treason," he said.

The Soviet Union, he pointed out, stands staunchly for international morality. It stood by Ethiopia, gave money, munitions and "real help" to China, wanted to come to the aid of Czechoslovakia, but was "ignored, scorned, insulted, excluded" by its own allies.

Emphatically he declared there was nothing to the German-Soviet pact but a statement that neither nation would attack the other. The Soviet Union was treacherously attacked in the dawn, and the United States was treacherously attacked in the night.

ALLIED UNITY

Mr. Davies paid glowing tribute to the great and wise leadership of the Soviet Union and the heroism and sacrifice of the Soviet people which has made Hitler crawl back, licking his wounds. We are the beneficiaries of the suffering and sacrifice and agony of the Russian people, he declared, and we should be grateful.

"The 20,000 people here proclaim it a proud privilege to pay tribute to the Soviet Union and the Red Army. The Soviet Union is our ally, fighting our fight." It is essential to aid the Soviet

Union, he declared, and we should be grateful.

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"Our job," the bulletin insists, "is to nullify this strategy. There is nothing to fear from parties engaged in these disruptive efforts unless we ourselves put into practice the disharmony they preach."

"Since we cannot fight our country," it adds, "we have an obligation to be calm, to avoid disruptive controversy, to discipline our prejudices."

The bulletin also contains instructive material on "How to Black Out Windows and Enjoy Life" and "What to Do in an Air Raid."

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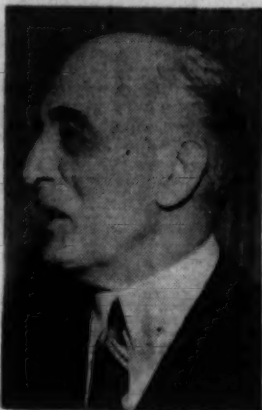
BALTIMORE, Feb. 24.—Gov. Herbert R. O'Connor of Maryland will introduce Mme. Ivy Litvinoff, wife of the Soviet Ambassador to the United States, at a Russian War Relief benefit to be held Wednesday at the Lyric Theatre.

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The benefit which has aroused the interest of the entire community, will also be addressed by Maurice Hindus, author, and Dr. Henry E. Sigerist of Johns Hopkins University, who will preside.

Paul Draper, dancer, the United Russian-Ukrainian Choir and the Peabody Conservatory Music Dance Group will provide the entertainment.

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JOSEPH E. DAVIES

Union directly and to do all in our power to maintain the unity of this alliance, he stressed. The supreme object of Axis propaganda today is to set us against our allies.

Questions which reflect on the integrity of the Soviet Union are planted in the minds of Americans, such as "Will Stalin make a separate peace with Hitler?" Frightening visions of Stalin ruling a conquered Europe are drawn for the credulous.

"The plain answer is that Joseph Stalin and his government have solemnly pledged to England, Poland, to the United States and to all the United Nations that it will fight to the end and make no separate peace with Hitler."

Its pledge is written in blood on the Russian battlefields, he said.

Davies was equally emphatic in his denunciation of those "weasel voices which suggest that by helping the Soviet Union now there is risk to ourselves of losing our form of government to Communism."

"My fellow Americans," he continued, "we should scotch such propaganda. It gives aid and comfort to the enemy and it serves only one purpose. And that is to serve Hitler and Japan and to serve them well."

It was in this connection that Davies called on the audience to organize a crusade against the conscious and unconscious agents of Hitlerism who strive to create disunity by lies and rumors.

"This is a case of Onward, Christian Soldiers. We've got to

Warden's Bulletin Warns Of Disruption Campaign

Incitement of dissension and disunity is part of the arsenal of the enemy, writes a mimeographed bulletin just issued by Air Raid Wardens Post No. 3 at 123 Hicks St., Brooklyn.

The bulletin is one of many now being issued by sectors and posts throughout the city.

"The task required of us who remain at home is to maintain the strongest possible base," says the little paper. "We must safeguard the unity of the nation."

Although no reference is made to the recent petition circulated in Queens demanding Mayor LaGuardia's removal as city head of civilian defense, the inference of the bulletin is obvious.

WARNS OF DISUNITY

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AFL, CIO SPEAKERS

Mr. Arens, who spoke for the Chicago Federation of Labor, stated that William Green had asked the support of organized labor for the Russian War Relief campaign. Mr. Arens, speaking for hundreds of thousands of organized workers declared that "Labor realizes this is a war not between nations and groups of nations, but a war for civilization."

"We must admire the Russian people's fight," he continued. "Organized labor calls on its members and the public to help Russian War Relief that the Russian people may be sustained in their gallant fight, which is our fight."

For the Chicago Industrial Union Council, representing 200,000 workers, President Samuel Levin spoke. He paid tribute to the bravery of the Soviet armies and pledged that labor will do its utmost to help. "We shall supply the tools of war," he said.

The great sacrifices of Soviet workers such as blowing up Dnepetrovsk, and the exploits of the Red Army in exploding the legend of Nazi invincibility have aroused in American workers a deep feeling of gratitude, he concluded.

A colorful feature of the rally was the spotlighting of representatives of the 26 nations, who rose as the name of each country was announced. This ceremony was followed by the grouping of the flags on the platform and a march around the auditorium.

wake up here in the Middle West. We've got to be willing to do what these boys in Russia are doing, to die. We've got to stop all this insidious fifth column stuff."

PROTECTING CHRISTIANITY

In concluding, Davies declared "The Soviet Union is protecting the Christian world of freedom from the doom of the Hitler 'new order,' from the Gestapo, concentration camps, the diabolism of Rosenberg, and Hitlerian religious persecution."

"By the faith you found at your mother's knee," in the name of the faith you have found in temples of worship, he asked, help the Soviet Union.

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CIO-AFL Inland Boatmen Unite on Production Plan

Unions Submit Program to U. S. Agency

(Special to the Daily Worker)

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 24.—Five thousand inland waterway workers, members of the CIO and AFL, who move millions of tons of freight on the Midwest's great inland rivers and lakes have united on a war production program.

Spokesmen for the AFL International Longshoremen's Association, the AFL Masters, Mates and Pilots, the CIO Marine Engineers Beneficial Association and the CIO National Maritime Union have agreed on plans by which water transportation on the Ohio, Mississippi, Missouri, Tennessee and other navigable waters may be speeded up to help win the war.

The Office of Defense Transportation in Washington has been presented with the plan, outlined as follows:

"We, the undersigned, realizing that the most important thing facing us today is the successful carrying out of the war effort to defeat the Axis aggressors, do hereby declare:

"That we reaffirm our position against strikes lockouts, jurisdictional disputes or any stoppage of work that might hinder the successful execution of our Government's war policy. We further declare ourselves in favor of the following program designed to expedite the river transportation industries and to make the inland waterways a major factor in the transportation of war materials."

"1.—The establishment of a joint river-rail rate by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"2.—The interchange of barges between companies in the same manner that the railroads interchange cars.

"3.—Common use of terminal and dock facilities by all companies involved.

"We request the Office of Defense Transportation to make every effort to call the operators of inland waterways transportation together in a conference where the above program can be discussed by all concerned."

It was signed by A. E. Phillips, St. Louis port agent of the NMU; Lawrence Long, business agent of the I.L.A.; Louis Boelscher, secretary of the MEBA, and George Antraine, national director of the NMMA deputy for the western rivers.

Antraine has proposed a war council of river unions.

In all, these officers represent some 5,000—boat hands, dock workers, pilots, engineers, mates and masters on the rivers.

The proposal was welcomed by Chester C. Thompson, president of the Inland Waterways Corp., which is the largest operator on the rivers and is owned by the United States Government.

A conference was held between the union representatives and Thompson on Feb. 20 at which the entire plan was discussed and approved.

Other shipping companies on the rivers are to be contacted.

Motion Picture Operators Set Up Defense Aid

Buy \$50,000 Bonds, To Furnish Cooperation for Defense Films

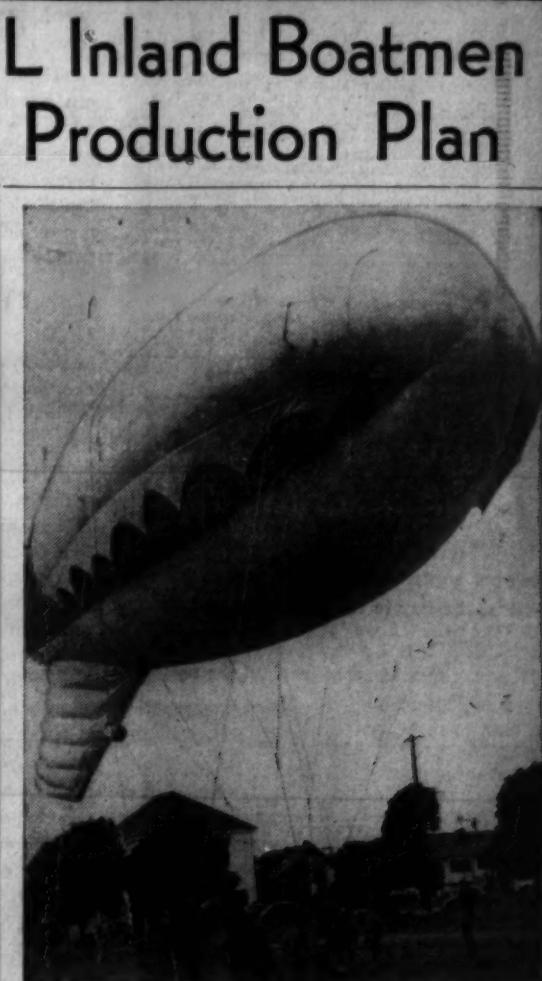
Not content with having invested \$50,000 of union funds in Defense Bonds, Local 306 of the Motion Picture Projectionists Union, AFL, has set up an official Civilian Defense Committee, headed by Vice-President Stephen D'Amelio, to organize the varied defense activities of the union. In addition, it is estimated that individual members have purchased close to \$400,000 worth of bonds.

Working in close cooperation with the Office of Civilian Defense and other defense agencies, Local 307 has undertaken to furnish projectionists for the showing of all films sponsored by the various defense agencies, both for educational and morale purposes.

More than 200 members of the Local have already volunteered for this duty and are donating their services. Requests for these projectionists and the arrangement of shows are to clear through the New York office of Civilian Defense.

Members of the Local employed in more than 600 theatres in the city are also contributing their time for the running of defense films in conjunction with the regular shows.

Vice-President D'Amelio expressed disappointment at the failure of the theatre owners to cooperate with the projectionists union on behalf of National Defense. He deplored the tendency on the part of the theatre owners to issue broad statements speaking for the industry without making any effort to seek the cooperation of the projectionists and giving Local 306 recognition for its effort on behalf of the common cause.



Barrage Guard: Coast artillerymen haul in one of the barrage balloons used as a protection against enemy aircraft somewhere in the San Francisco bay area.

Aid to China From U.S. to Go via India

United China Relief medical supplies will be among the first materials to be shipped over the New India road to China, it was disclosed yesterday.

A shipment of equipment sent by the American Bureau for Medical Aid to China, member agency of the United China Relief, is valued at \$10,555.

Three weeks ago another shipment sent to the Chinese Red Cross was consigned to Rangoon "or an alternate port" if Rangoon became inaccessible during the journey.

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Stalin's Order of The Day: Forward!

"Forward!" was the keynote of Stalin's terse but supremely rich and statesmanlike Order of the Day to the Red Army and the Soviet people.

It was a message that inspired the people of the world, including our own, with greater conviction in victory and a greater determination to fulfill, in the same manner as the Soviet Union, their responsibilities and willingness to throw everything into this epochal battle of humanity.

When, therefore, General MacArthur, our hero of Bataan, declared in greetings to the Red Army's 24th birthday that "the hopes of civilization rest on the worthy banners of the courageous Red Army," he was expressing the tenor of the salutes from all over the globe.

The sentiment of anti-fascists everywhere found voice in President Roosevelt's words Monday evening: "Today all the United Nations salute the superb Russian Army as it celebrates the 24th anniversary of its first assembly." Numerous messages from British leaders told how the Red Army had saved their country, even as it has helped the defense of America.

The people of the world are recognizing that the Red Army and the Soviet people, in hurling back the main Axis enemy, are the backbone of humanity's struggle to crush Hitlerism. Meanwhile, the Soviet Union's fight, together with the full mobilization of the other United Nations, especially America, is the guarantee of victory.

Stalin's call expressed implacable hatred of fascism and the firm resolve of the Soviet people to wage war to Hitler's very end. It summoned even greater effort of the Red Army and the Soviet people although humanity stands in friendly and awesome admiration of the superhuman efforts and sacrifices the Soviet people have already offered.

Not only will Hitler and Goebbels feel the titanic blows of Stalin's call, but so will their Fifth Columns and appeasers within every nation. Once more their sinister rumors that the Soviet Union will not wage war to the finish is shot to pieces. Undoubtedly, Stalin's message will reach the German people and be welcomed by them. For it made clear that the Soviet Union is not waging war to enslave the German people nor to destroy the German state. Instead it is conducting a war which will assist the German people in throwing off the fascist gangsters.

Those who indict the German people and ascribe to them the crimes of Hitler, are playing into Hitler's hands and consolidating his demagogic influence at home. On the contrary, Stalin's speech gave a weapon to the German people to use against Hitler. "In this matter," the New York Times well stated in an editorial yesterday, "Stalin has given a lesson in diplomacy to the democracies. . . . Stalin's lesson in diplomacy is one from which British and American leaders should profit."

The Nazi enemy is strong and not yet beaten, Stalin emphasized. One thing is certain: If everything is thrown into the struggle, as the Soviet people are doing, victory is assured. Others of the United Nations, particularly our country with its decisive role to play, must redouble their efforts and live up to all responsibilities.

The Soviet people are doing their share although, as their allies, we and the British are not fighting shoulder to shoulder with them on the same front. And a full military alliance between our country and the Soviet Union will not only assist the Red Army in dealing telling blows to the common enemy,

it will strengthen the defense of our country.

The day must come sooner when a Western Front is opened on the continent and when the United Nations mobilize their full resources and take the offensive. When that day arrives—and it must arrive quickly—the whole war against the Axis will be immeasurably strengthened and Hitler's doom will be sealed.

Good Riddance

Although somewhat belated, the order of Secretary Knox dismissing George Deatherage, home-grown fascist, from his post on a key naval construction project is nonetheless welcome.

There is no place for anyone connected with the Axis or with native fascist groups, in any position related to the war effort. The defense of Deatherage by an unnamed "Navy spokesman" prior to Knox's drastic action, shows that there are some in high places in the Navy who still would rather persecute loyal supporters of the war who happen to be progressives, than move against fascists.

It is also to be noted that despite Knox's dismissal order, John W. Russell, member of the firm holding the Norfolk Navy base contract where Deatherage was employed, still tries to defend this self-avowed fascist and admirer of the Nazis.

Three years ago, in one of its occasional gestures against fascist groups, the Dies Committee questioned Deatherage. But, with its customary tolerance of fascists, the Committee never took the slightest move against him, which undoubtedly made it possible for Deatherage to get his job on an important naval project. It is significant too that even when the fact that Deatherage was holding this job recently became a matter of discussion in the press, Rep. Dies remained completely silent on the subject.

According to Schedule

"Sunday Worker Campaign Moving According to Schedule."

This is indeed great news—especially since the drive quotas call for real substantial increases.

In the national drive for 20,000 six-month Sunday Worker subscriptions, well over 1,500 have already been turned in with the weekly total increasing steadily. Meanwhile, in the drive for 20,000 home delivery subscriptions, more than 5,500 have been collected in the first three weeks of the drive.

All this was made possible by the wholehearted support which the Communist Party has given to the Sunday Worker. If the participation of the Party organizations in the drive continues to develop from week to week at the pace set in the first three weeks, the goal of 120,000 circulation will be achieved by May 1st.

The first lap of the drive demonstrates that where the needed energy and organization are applied, the result is an excellent one. This should inspire every one participating in the Sunday Worker drive to renewed efforts to help build a paper that is devoted to helping win the war.

Soviet Scientists Tell of Experiments To Aid War Effort

(By Wireless to Inter-Continent News)

KUIBYSHCHEV, Feb. 24.—The life-long research on human longevity conducted by Professor A. A. Bogomolets is now proving of inestimable value in aiding Soviet war wounded, he revealed in an interview here yesterday.

Not only does the work of Prof. Bogomolets aid in curing wounds, but it also aids in rapidly restoring the patient to full health.

At the same time, other fields of Soviet science are working overtime in making contributions to the war effort, Otto J. Schmidt, vice president of the Academy of Sciences of the USSR, declared today. Scientists are making special contributions in replacing sources of raw materials lost as a result of the fascist invasion of certain Soviet districts.

DEVELOP SERUM

"Our contribution," Bogomolets explained in his interview, "is an anti-reticular cytotoxic serum we developed to combat premature aging of the human organism." The scientist who devoted four decades of his life to research in longevity then proceeded to outline in brief his theory on the subject.

According to him, the resistance of the human body to infection depends on the reactivity of the physiological system of connective tissue. It is in this system that sclerotic (hardening) changes leading to the premature aging of the organism first set in. That is why the fight for a normal life span of the human organism, which Bogomolets defines as 150 years, must begin with the fight for healthy connective tissue. In order to maintain the connective tissue in a healthy state, however, one must be able to control its reactivity. Tackling the problem from this angle, the scientists developed a special anti-reticular cytotoxic serum. In large doses this serum was found to have an inhibiting influence on the physiological system; in small doses on the other hand it had a definite stimulating effect.

SERIES OF EXPERIMENTS

"In the first half of last year," Academician Bogomolets related, "we launched a series of experiments to determine the influence of the serum on the aging organism. Data obtained showed that the serum changes the physicochemical properties of the cell protoplasm making them resemble those of protoplasm in a young organism."

Highly gratifying results have been obtained in clinical treatment of cases of premature sclerosis and the early stages of high blood pressure. Our investigations also showed that the serum accelerates the knitting of fractures and the healing of wounds and reduces the number of cases of relapses in cancer after an operation.

"We are at present continuing our experiments with serum but from an entirely different angle," the scientist pointed out. "Today the serum is being employed in the Army hospitals where it has been found to produce very salutary effects on the treatment of difficult knitting fractures caused by bullets or shell splinters and slow healing wounds and ulcers. It is also used to combat wound and other infection."

EXPLORATION IN URALS

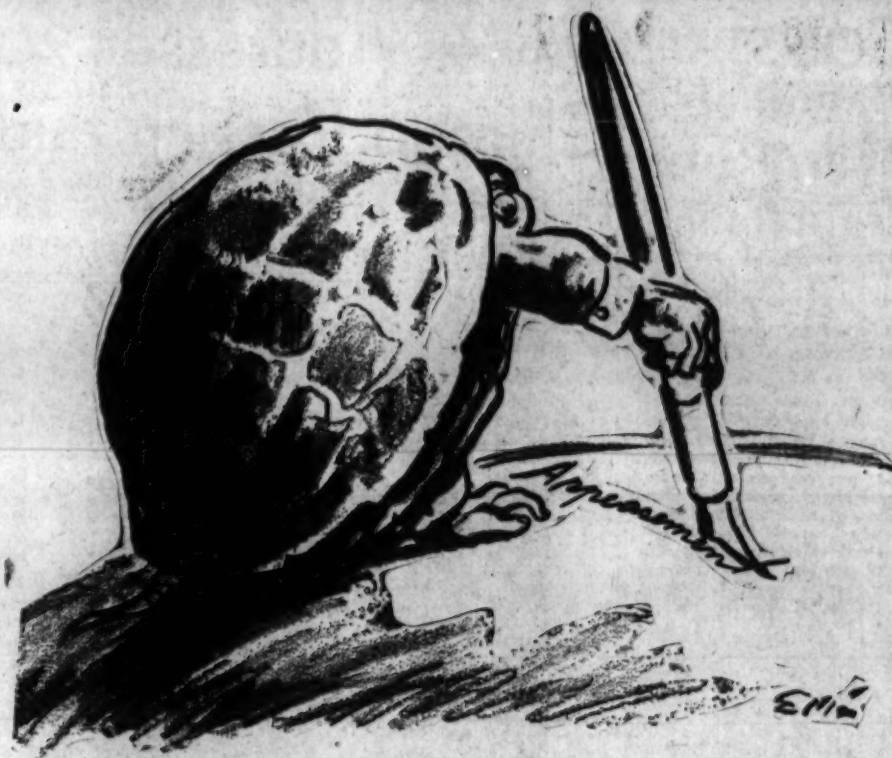
Prof. Schmidt revealed in his talk with the press that a large group of the Academy's scientists, headed by V. L. Komarov, present at present working successfully on the further opening and utilization of untold natural wealth of the Urals.

"Our physicists for instance, have done much to devise and perfect the control and measuring instruments needed by war industry," Schmidt emphasized in discussing how the Academy's work had been put on a war footing. "They are helping to introduce new methods of measurement and control that speed production. The chemists are conducting a considerable part of their work at the industrial enterprises, particularly evacuated plants, helping them adapt themselves to new kinds of raw materials they have to work with in the new surroundings."

"The war helped to further strengthen the ties between the different branches of science and raised many problems that can be solved only by joint efforts of geologists, chemists and engineers. The problems are being successfully solved with this. This does not mean, however, that the Academy ceased to carry on purely theoretical investigations," Schmidt remarked.

"The scientists of the Soviet Union are taking a lively interest in science in America," Schmidt concluded. "Many of us have been in the United States and have friends there in our respective fields. I personally always recall with gratitude the warm reception I was accorded in America when I arrived after the rescue of the crew of the 'Chelyuskin,' which perished in the Arctic Ocean."

"The Soviet scientists send hearty greetings to their American colleagues and voice their conviction in the complete victory of the united forces of democracy and progress."



Text of Broadcast by James W. Ford Commemorating Washington's Birthday

(Daily Worker Washington Bureau)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Following is the text of the speech delivered by James W. Ford, Negro leader and member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, over WWDG, here, yesterday, commemorating George Washington's Birthday:

Fellow Americans:

Today we observe the birthday of George Washington, the "Father of our country." To us Americans this day has greater meaning than any other day because never has the threat to the existence of this nation, which George Washington founded, been so great as it is now.

The American people are a practical and hard-fisted people, able to face facts calmly. The facts are that during the last few weeks our side has suffered a whole series of alarming defeats. Singapore has fallen. Burma, India and Australia are in danger of immediate invasion. The Burma Road, China's life-line for supplies, is threatened. The Axis that broke through the Straits of Dover have penetrated our own Panama defense. They have successfully shelled islands of the West Indies and torpedoed ships in the Caribbean and off our coast in the Atlantic. All of this has been going on at the same time that Hitler has been marshaling his forces for an unprecedented spring offensive against the Soviet Union on the Eastern Front, for junction with his Japanese ally.

In the face of these ominous facts we dare not fail to appreciate that the peril to our nation, as well as to our allies, has increased enormously. It is so great that unless the whole country is jolted out of its complacency and eliminates all obstacles to the immediate mobilization of its full industrial and armed might, there is unquestionably the danger that we may suffer irretrievable set-backs, despite the overwhelming superiority of our side over the enemy.

There is a vast difference between that sound and wholesome faith in victory which is grounded in the knowledge of our ultimate economic and military superiority, and that simple-minded optimism which ignores realities and degenerates into complacency. We can win and we will win this war. But we can do this only if we fight in such a way as to make victory inevitable.

That is the lesson we dare not fail to learn from the fall of Singapore. It means fighting like the British did at Dunkirk, like the Soviet people are doing on the Eastern Front and like our Chinese heroes, half-armed and almost deserted during their most trying days. It means rallying the vast millions of colonial peoples on the basis of equality. It means backing up with all-out production the President's pledge of a few days ago to overcome the lag in shipments of war aid to the Soviet Union, where in the last analysis the whole Axis must and will receive its death blow. It involves upon labor to turn out the tanks, planes and guns, sufficient for ourselves and our allies, to smash the Axis.

In pointing the accusing finger at Washington's own Cliveden Set of appeasers, the President has shown us where to look for the most serious obstacle to our country's full war effort. These are the people who paralyzed America's defenses and pooh-poohed the Axis danger. And while the outrageous events of Dec. 7 forced them to retreat temporarily and to assume a patriotic pose, they have now blossomed out again in the most dangerous manner.

They have reformed their ranks, worked out a new strategy and are now continuing where they left off, boldly and brazenly opposing every measure vital for the successful prosecution of the war.

What is the new technique of the appeasers? Their latest device is the demagogic argument that

we can't fight two wars at the same time: the war abroad and the war of reform at home. In the name of fighting the foreign enemy they snipe at every measure necessary for the full mobilization of our material and human resources. Thus they struck demagogically at the national civilian defense program. They shamelessly rejected unemployment relief for defense workers temporarily unemployed because of the conversion of plants to war production.

They attack the Farm Security Administration because it wants to help the farmers pay their poll tax and remove one of the most disgraceful hindrances to their participation in American democracy. They encourage discrimination against the Negro people. They carry on unceasing and relentless red-baiting against the trade unions and the labor movement; they insist on unjustly keeping behind bars Earl Browder, one of America's foremost anti-fascist, whose release is necessary to strengthen the unity of our nation and mobilize its maximum forces to win the war. THESE ARE THE CRIMES OF WHICH THE APPEASERS ARE GUILTY.

But they do not stop here. Above all they seek to undermine the alliance of United Nations without which we cannot possibly win the war. And they do this primarily by attempting to destroy our confidence and trust in our valiant ally, the Soviet Union. "If we let Russia win the war," they tell us, "she will win the peace too." From this they want the people to conclude that we dare not let Hitler lose the war! This is treason!

Is there a single American patriot who does not glory in the brilliant fight of the Red Army? The victorious resistance of the Red Army on the Eastern Front has saved the world, has saved us from disastrous defeat, and every American who loves his country and his people knows it. Because of this resistance, Hitler can be defeated in 1942, provided we understand this and immediately increase our aid to our ally, establishing a full military and political alliance with the Soviet Union together with England and forging a central strategy and unified command on the basis of complete equality and co-operation.

The entire population of our country must be mobilized to win this war. This means also marshaling all the energies of the Negro people who represent one-tenth of our nation. The Negro people duty recognize that Hitler aims to spread a new form of slavery over the whole world. The pledge made by a representative group of Negro ministers to the President last week, is only one of many expressions of this.

The Negro people know that many remnants of pre-Civil War slave conditions and undemocratic practices still persist in our country. But they are not indifferent to the war and its outcome. They are going to find the path through this crisis to greater freedom and liberty. They are going into the armed forces. They will work faithfully in civilian defense, and they must be permitted to take their rightful place in war production.

Negroes are not fooled by the insulating propaganda that the Japanese rulers are the friends of the "colored races." This hideous lie comes from the lips of fascists who took their place beside Mussolini, the wholesale murderer of the people of Ethiopia. The Japanese government is the ally of the worst enemy of the colored peoples that the world has ever seen. Hitler has declared both in words and deeds that Negro people are "inferior brutes." The pretense of the Japanese of being friends of the "darker races" is hollow mockery which comes from robbers who have enslaved the Koreans, Formosans, Manchurians and murdered tens of

thousands of the best sons and daughters of China, all of them belonging to the "darker races."

This is not a "race" war. This is not a war against a so-called "yellow peril." It is a war of nations and peoples fighting for freedom, national security and independence against a gang of international bandits who aim to subjugate all nations, black and white, brown and yellow. Black and white Americans and Filipinos, under General MacArthur, are giving on this very night in the Philippine Islands, a glorious demonstration of what kind of war this is and the kind of unity that is necessary to win it. The Filipinos are fighting heroically together with our American forces because they know they are fighting for independence against a foe who has enslaved the Koreans, Formosans and Manchurians, and wiped out their liberty and independence.

Now what are the grievances of Negro Americans? First, colored men and women are denied full participation in our industrial enterprises; second, Negro soldiers are Jim-crowded and humiliated in our armed forces, they are almost completely eliminated from the Navy; third, lynching still disgraces our land and is a weapon in the hands of our enemy. These are not only terrible indignities; they are blows at the nation's unity and its war effort.

Surely, if anybody has a right to speak out for equal rights for Negroes, it is the Communist Party, which honored the Negro people three times by nominating a Negro for Vice-President of the United States, which fought for the freedom of the Scottsboro boys and freed Angelo Herndon.

The Negro people recognize that the government is acting in good faith in attempting to overcome discrimination. They see this in the President's executive order against discrimination in war industries and by the various bodies set up to combat discrimination, such as the Fair Employment Practices Commission. They understand that the forces responsible for discrimination are those appeaser employers who hold back the war effort generally. Overcoming discrimination, therefore, means overcoming the appeasement forces who are undermining the total war effort.

It is absolutely necessary for the government to make even more use of the power of the state to eliminate these obstacles to national unity, and to utilize the creative abilities of the Negro people, facilitating their fullest participation in the nation's war program. Further, let the government in the most straightforward manner consult with the Negro people; consult with representative delegations of colored citizens. Let there be Negro representation in every agency connected with prosecuting the war effort. Let the President, within the scope of his emergency powers as Commander-in-Chief of the nation, issue an executive order against lynching, a new emancipation proclamation, and see that it is enforced. Let the nation unite in wiping out that undemocratic poll tax system in the South which is responsible for holding in Congress a group of Southern Congressmen, some of whom are doing everything they can to obstruct the war program. As a token of willingness of the nation to abandon the discriminatory policy in the Navy, let at least one war ship be commissioned and manned by a Negro, Filipino and white personnel.

In the spirit of our great traditions which George Washington created and symbolizes: in the spirit of the "founder of our country," who, in the face of the greatest difficulties and defeats, did not give up in despair and hopelessness—our nation today, united, will go forward on the road to victory with our glorious allies of the United Nations.

Letters From Our Readers

Protest Lynching at Sikeston, Mo.

St. Louis, Mo.

Editor, Daily Worker:

A meeting to protest the lynching of Cleo Wright, a Negro at Sikeston, Mo., was held in St. Louis recently at the Workers' Cultural Center.

The sentiment at this meeting, with William L. Patterson, the main speaker of the evening, was: "Death to Lynching"—"Bring the Guilty Ones to Justice." Telegrams were also sent to President Roosevelt and Governor Donnell of Missouri.

Fascism must be defeated at home if we are to win complete victory over fascism all over the world. I therefore request that you publish William Patterson's column, "Let My People Go," in the Sunday Worker.

As one who has been a former agent for the Daily Worker and Daily Record, I know the value of this column in educating the Negro people. Death to Lynching means a victory over world fascism. B. S.

An Important Ingredient for Victory—Root Out the Domestic Foe

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Like vermin in the spring, the appeasers are beginning to crawl out of their holes, feeling that the political weather is now warm enough for their increased activity. Under the guise of super-wisdom and super-patriotism they slander and ridicule our government's war effort. They try to spread distrust, instill a lack of confidence among the American people in their duly elected national leadership. They act ever more boldly. They preach division to split the United Nations, resurrecting the old Benedict Arnold cry, with somewhat minor variations, of "America First." With their dissemination of vicious lies and poisonous rumors, they seek to sow confusion, defeatism and doubt. They are out to demoralize our whole war effort! They are out to betray America! They shall not succeed!

And we shall never win the war over the foreign

foe—we might as well face this—unless we shall, as a matter of fixed and firm policy, at every step, ruthlessly, uncompromisingly check, crush, disperse and render wholly ineffective, the domestic foe. A. S.

Washington's Cliveden Set on the Spot

New York, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I should like to urge every American to secure and read most carefully Adam Lavin's article in the Feb. 19 issue of the Daily Worker and Bruce Minton's article in the New Masses exposing Washington's Cliveden Set. They have performed a fine patriotic duty.

These articles are very valuable and were so badly needed to meet the underhand, despicable and vicious foes of the President, and the national independence of our country. I urge that these articles be reprinted in hundreds of thousands of copies and distributed among the American people. Our country is under grave attack, powerful forces of the men right in our nation's capital are knowingly or unknowingly Hitler's tool to break down morale and sabotage our war efforts.

We must meet these attacks and put Washington's Cliveden Set to utter rout. M. C.

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CONSTANT READER

Erskine Caldwell's Book on
USSR in Wartime, 'All-Out
On the Road to Smolensk'

By SENDER GARLIN

ERSKINE CALDWELL has been called "a natural-born observer," and thousands of Americans have doubtless arrived at the same judgment after reading such works as "Tobacco Road," "God's Little Acre" and "Trouble in July."

Until quite recently Caldwell was the fiction writer: he wrote short stories and novels, particularly dealing with the South he knew so well, and from one of his novels, "Tobacco Road" was fashioned one of the most successful Broadway plays in theatre history, for it broke records both in longevity and box-office returns.

When he first turned from writing fiction to straight reporting he began to collaborate with the photographer, Margaret Bourke-White (now Mrs. Caldwell). Together they produced "You Have Seen Their Faces," a study of the South in words and pictures; "North of the Danube," a report on Czechoslovakia just prior to the time when Hitler was to swallow up that brave little Republic. More recently Caldwell and Margaret Bourke-White emerged with another word-and-picture book, "Say, Is This the U.S.A."

And now comes Caldwell's latest book, "All-Out on the Road to Smolensk." (Duell, Sloan and Pearce, Inc., 230 pp., \$2.50.) This book is the result of his work as a correspondent in the Soviet Union in wartime.

Traveling to the USSR across the Pacific and by way of China, Caldwell arrived in Moscow shortly before the Nazis' treacherous attack upon the Russians. He came armed with credentials from PM, Life magazine and the Columbia Broadcasting Company. Consequently, some of the material in "All-Out on the Road to Smolensk" is perhaps already familiar to many American readers and radio listeners who obtained a vivid picture of Soviet morale from Caldwell's reports.

Caldwell was in Sukhum, in the Caucasus, when the People's Commissar for Foreign Affairs Molotov announced over the radio on June 22, 1941, that a state of war existed between Germany and the USSR. "Everybody I saw during those first 24 hours," writes Caldwell, "wanted to do something about it. Men of military age, many of whom had arrived only that morning at the Black Sea for their year's vacation, piled into trains by the hundreds and returned home. Enlistment officers were so swamped with applications within a few hours that voluntary enrollment was abolished."

Caldwell writes that after seeing the Russians in action during the first week of war, he never for a moment doubted their ability to stop the Germans. Most interesting in his book are his descriptions of the Soviet citizenry and their courageous and self-sacrificing in the face of the great danger to their homeland. Caldwell was thrilled with what he saw in the Soviet Union; he was among the first to report the epic of the morale of the Soviet people as he observed it in Moscow and other centers.

By all odds the most exciting chapter in Caldwell's book is his description of the nightly bombings of the Soviet capital. He describes in fascinating detail how he nightly made his way to the radio station in the blackout and of the "numerous" situations created by his determination to wander through the streets while the rest of the population was safely settled in underground shelters. One hopes that the reader will not lose sight of the brilliant color of Caldwell's larger canvas because of some of the minor oddities and adventures he encountered.

Burton Rascoe, in reviewing "All-Out on the Road to Smolensk" for the World-Telegram twisted this into jauntiness and gleefully took advantage of it. Attacking the book ostensibly from the "left," Mr. Rascoe jeered at the author and sought to paint a picture of Caldwell as a well-behaved correspondent looking for "fun" amidst the horrors of war. Mr. Rascoe drove his point pretty hard, in fact he overreached himself and revealed either a personal pique against Caldwell or—more likely—saw an opportunity to discredit a book which adds to the American people's knowledge of the Soviet Union.

In praising the great Soviet leader Caldwell writes that "Stalin is not the type of man who gauges his policies according to public opinion. It is exactly the reverse." As a matter of fact, Stalin's opinions and judgments are the most conscious and far-sighted expression of the will and needs of the overwhelming majority of the people. This is the clue to the efficiency—in peace as in war—of socialist democracy.

Caldwell does a superb job of reporting in "All-Out on the Road to Smolensk." An example is his interview with Nazi prisoners in a Moscow hospital. Caldwell's reporting, along with that of Walter Kerr of the Herald Tribune—though lacking the political insight of Ilya Ehrenburg—is helping to dissolve the accumulated prejudices and misconceptions created by the "Hate-Stalin" school headed by the Lyons-Eastman-Fischer type.

Mme. Litvinoff Speaks Over WOR at 9:45 Tonight

Morale of youth in wartime discussed on WABC, 4:15 P. M. . . . Fred Allen at 9 P. M., WABC. . . . Mme. Maxim Litvinoff speaks on Russian War Relief Program, 9:45 P. M., WOR. . . . LOUIS F. BUDENZ, LABOR'S NEWSROOM, WHOM (1480) 11 P. M.

- 9:30-WMCA-Three Marketplaces
- WEAF-Market Basket
- WJZ-Breakfast Club-Variety
- WOR-Food Talk-Alfred McCann
- WNYS-Youthbuilders
- WQXR-Colonial of the Air
- 10:30-WHN-Frank Luther-Variety
- 11:00-WJZ-Eleanor Nash-Fashion
- WOR-Trans-Radio News
- WABC-Victory Begins at Home-Arthur Godfrey
- WQXR-Other People's Business
- 11:15-WJZ-Living Literature
- WJZ-Beatles-Beatles-Women's Hour
- 11:30-WJZ-Precedent Presents
- WQXR-Symphonic Interlude
- 11:45-WNYC-You and Your Health-Talk
- 12:00-WMCA-Magic Carpet WEAF-News
- WABC-Kate Smith Speaks
- WNYS-Midday Symphony
- WQXR-Lunch Concert
- 12:15-WOR-"Our Civilian Defense Effort"-Talk
- 12:30-WJZ-Nellie Ravell Presents
- WJZ-Farm and Home Hour
- WOR-Trans-Radio News
- 1:00-WJZ-Mary Margaret McBride
- WJZ-News
- WNYS-Missing Persons: Your City and Defense
- WQXR-Your Request Program
- 1:15-WJZ-Between the Bookends with Ted Malone
- 1:30-WNYC-Metropolitan News
- 1:45-WJZ-Piano Duo
- 2:00-WJZ-Lopes Orchestra
- WOR-Martha Deane
- WNYS-Excerpts from "U. Croators"
- WQXR-Meet the American Composers
- 2:10-WOR-News: Beauty Talk
- WQXR-U. S. Army Program
- 2:30-WOR-Mutual Goes Calling
- WQXR-Your Request Program
- 3:15-WABC-News
- 3:30-WOR-The Chester Up Gang
- WABC-The Chapter-17th Century Opera
- 3:45-WNYC-News: Civilian Defense
- 4:00-WJZ-Street Singer WOR-News
- WQXR-Symphonic Mainline
- 4:15-WJZ-Club Matinee
- WABC-"Youth Morale in Wartime"-Talk
- 4:30-WABC-Land Trio
- 4:45-WABC-News
- WNYS-Defense Program
- 5:00-WJZ-Adventure Stories
- WNYS-Children's Program
- WQXR-Music for Young People
- 5:15-WJZ-Flamenco Duo
- 5:30-WOR-Jack Armstrongs
- WNYS-Tomorrow's Edition
- WNYS-Children's Program
- 5:45-WJZ-Civilian Defense
- 6:00-WOR-Uncle Don
- Children's Program WABC-News

Beecham and Walter Return To Opera

Operas for the fifteenth week of the current season at the Metropolitan—the last week but one—will include two double bills: Leoncavallo's "Pagliacci" and Menotti's "The Island God" on Monday night, March 2; and Bach's "Phaëbus and Pan" and Rimsky-Korsakoff's "Le Coq d'Or" on the next Wednesday evening.

The cast for the "Island God" will be identical with that of the premiere. Rosa Bok, now recovered from her recent stage accident, will reappear in "Le Coq d'Or," which will be conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham. Warner's "Tannhauser" will be sung on Thursday night, with Mmes. Jessner and Thorborg and Messrs. Melchior, Hushn and List in the chief roles, Erich Leinsdorf conducting. Verdi's "Aida" will be the Friday opera, with Mmes. Rathberg and Caccagna and Messrs. Caron, Warren and Hatfield; Wilfred Pelletier conducting.

Bruno Walter will return to conduct Saturday afternoon's "Don Giovanni," in which Alexander Kipnis will be heard for the first time here as Leopoldo and Mack Harrel as Maestro. Ettore Fumagalli will conduct "Tosca" on Saturday night, the cast including Stella Roman, Jan Klepura and John Brownlee.

All-Star Party for Johnny Doodle Sunday

Art Smith, Earl Robinson, John O'Shaughnessy, Burl Ives, Sam Gary, Betty Garrett and Tom Pelt are some of the stage, screen and radio performers who will appear at the All-Star Show and Dance on Sunday, March 1, 8:30 P. M., at the Irving Plaza under the auspices of the Popular Theatre, in a benefit for the "Johnny Doodle" Company scheduled to open sometime in March.

Will Lee, who recently returned from Hollywood, will be MC. Earl Robinson will lead a community singing band of folk songs and ballads. Besides a hot jazz orchestra, a full session of square dancing is scheduled. Tickets are available at the Workers Bookshop at the Book Fair, 133 W. 44th St.

Letter on Jazz Suggests People's Cultural Congress

To Music Editor:

I thought O. V. Clyde's summary of the letters on "swing" was sensible and creative; for once, criteria rather than "tastes" became standards of discussion. Extremely well put was his statement concern-

bands have personnel capable of attempting to play the highest type of jazz music. These men play as they do for "commercial" reasons. Hot jazz, it seems, doesn't produce the necessary groceries.

Of course some fellows played good jazz even when they were trying to be commercial—Louis Armstrong, for one, in his "I Surrender, Dear," "You're Driving Me Crazy," and so many others. The pick-up bands led by Teddy Wilson have many times played real jazz in spots while remaining "commercial" by virtue of choice of song and Teddy's own, Chopin-style style. But on the whole, attempts to be hot and commercial have succeeded only in what the music critics call "in and out performance."

I believe it is time to think about leaving off theorizing as to what jazz is, and do something about how it may best be played, about making it possible for the new Ellingtons, Armstrongs, Bechets, Newtons and Russells to find their true audience, the people, to go directly to it, without the redoubtable services of Tin Pan Alley, sharp-shooting agents and managers, opportunistic recording companies, and Hollywood.

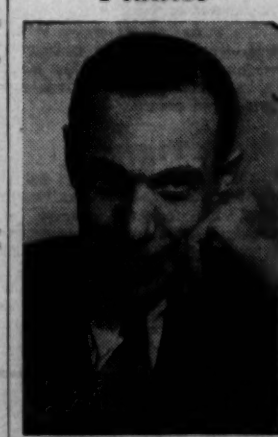
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Hot Jazz But No Groceries

This brings up a point which apparently does not occur to the pious pundits of jazz, namely that what jazz is one thing and how it has emerged under capitalism, quite another. Like everything else and healthy and beautiful, it has been diverted to the needs of capitalism. Is narcotic jitterbugging, as prefaced by the Glenn Millers, jazz? Is the sentimental nostalgia and plain anarchy violence played by the present-day Dorsey, Brown, Chesters, real jazz?

The answer is no. Yet all these

Pianist



Alexander Brailowsky, Russian pianist, appears at the Brooklyn Academy of Music tonight.

Jimmy Plays George



James Cagney and Jean Leslie in a scene from Warner's "Yankee Doodle Dandy," in which Cagney portrays George M. Cohan, Broadway songwriter, playwright and actor.

'Under This Roof' Is Drama of the Civil War

UNDER THIS ROOF, by Herbert B. Ehrmann, with Barbara O'Neill, Russell Marlowe, Louise Galloway and Marian Briggs. Staged by Russell Lewis. Produced by Mr. Lewis and Rita Mason at the Windsor Theatre.

The Broadway woods are full of well-meaning playwrights and producers who are offering the public sincere expressions of their love for democracy. But sincerity is not enough. A good play must serve as a foundation stone for audience entertainment. "Under This Roof" is perhaps

the subject of "Under This Roof." We meet them in 1846 and pursue their fortunes through more than a quarter century. Through this period the family is always divided. Old Abner Warren and his son, Gibbon, are typical bourgeois of the pre-Civil War period. Their son, Gibbon, is an ardent Abolitionist, and they rise in their horror at his unselfish devotion to the principle of freedom and cast him out.

The play revolves about Cornelia Warren, a cousin, who is in love with Gibbon but who does not possess the courage to follow him into the battles against slavery. She marries Ezra, and when we meet them again, in 1864, it is their son, David, who carries the torch for liberty. He is unable to stand the selfish reactionary attitudes of his father, and quits Harvard to enlist in the Union army. Slain in the Battle of Wilderness, he remains as a symbol of the old Warren strain—for an earlier Warren had given his life in the Revolutionary War.

In 1867, Ezra becomes involved in a shady financial deal. The Black Friday market crash of 1872 wipes him out. Meanwhile, Cornelia has turned to social work, especially the education of workers and the building of settlement houses for the immigrant poor. At the end of the play, Ezra humbled, seeks her forgiveness.

Obviously here is a story with all of the elements of a fine progressive drama. But it is singularly devoid of action, and the cast never seems to be comfortable in their roles. Barbara O'Neill never suggests the woman of the mid-19th century, despite her period costumes. Russell Marlowe plays Ezra, with a peculiar inflection which blurs many of his lines. The two freedom-loving youngsters, who lose their lives in Act I and Act II respectively, are the best characterizations of the play—Peter Hobbs is eloquent as young Gibbon, and John Draper's David is likeable and proud. Howard St. John's Pastor Drury is warmly human, and James O'Neill contributes an excellent bit as a miserly self-seeking local politician. The direction is stilted and the set dreary.

There is so much good in "Under This Roof" that your correspondent sincerely wishes that he could recommend it. While strip away the trickery and shams of greedy bankers, rapacious politicians and sinister plotters. But the shortcomings of "Under This Roof" outweigh its virtues. This said, but true.

'Audiences Must Be Organized'

This is not to say that there must be a revolution in swing, nor is it necessary to "fight the system" in an economist sense. But it is clear that the support of the people to jazz must rise from the "enlightened patron" stage to that of an organized audience. All the John Hammonds in town can't do very much until the entire question of people's culture is approached in an organized way.

Aren't we pretty nearly ready for an American People's Cultural Congress, a week or a month of peoples' dancing, films, theatre, music, art, poetry, fiction? Is Madison Square Garden too large a place for the scene of the unifying of American peoples' culture? Would not our artists, writers, musicians, poets, dancers, and critics leap at the chance to throw a benefit, at least once, for the culture of the American people?

Would not our trade unions and civic organizations welcome the chance to see what they are always missing—the culture emerging out of their struggles and activities? Culture is basically the promise of tomorrow in terms of today—and who can deny that our people and their culture are pretty darned near ready?

Forward to an American People's Cultural Congress! P. M.

Two Company Ballet Season At Met in April

S. Murek will sponsor a two weeks "Season of Ballet" at the Metropolitan Opera House beginning April 6 which will combine the engagements of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo and the Ballet Theatre, both of which companies are under his management. It will mark the first time that two major ballet companies have shared such a season.

The two ballets are currently touring, the Monte Carlo troupe having just completed its Pacific Coast travels, while the Ballet Theatre will finish a Canadian tour before a Chicago engagement late this month. Rehearsals are scheduled to start at the end of March.

Ballet stars who will participate in the dual engagement include Irina Baronova, Alicia Markova, Anton Dolin, Karen Conrad, Lucia Chase, Annabelle Lyon, Nora Kaye, George Skibbin, Yura Lasovsky and others.

Principals of the Ballet Russe who will participate are Tamara Toumanova, Alexandra Danilova, Leonide Massine, Igor Youskevitch, Frederic Franklin, Roland Guerdar, Andre Egley and Nathalie Krassovska.

'Russian Soldier'— Prokofiev Music

Over thirty-five ballets will be offered by both companies. The Ballet Theatre's performances will include the New York premiere of "Russian Soldier" and the world premiere of "Pillar of Fire," and a group of divertissements.

"Russian Soldier," Michel Fokine's latest production, is a ballet based upon Prokofiev's score "Leutenant Kile" with a new libretto by Fokine dealing with a soldier wounded in a nineteenth century war, who reminisces about his youth. The work was enthusiastically received at its world premiere in Boston last month and is dedicated to the Russian soldiers fighting on the Eastern front.

"Pillar of Fire" is the ballet Antony Tudor, creator of "Lilac Garden," has fashioned on Schoenberg's "Verklärte Nacht." Scenery and costumes have been designed by Jo Meisner.

In addition, such popular works as "Bluebeard," "Pas de Quatre," "Slavonic," "Princess Aurora," "Three Virgins and a Devil," "Giselle," "Gala Performance," will be shown by the Ballet Theatre while the Monte Carlo Company will offer, among others, "Labyrinth," "Saragosa," "Maid Swan," "The Nutcracker," "Petrouchka," "Scheherazade," "Three Corners Hat," "Galle Parisienne," "St. Francis," a Massine ballet with Hindemith music will be revived after several years absence from the repertoire.

Inventions for Victory

The Brooklyn Museum announces that the first of its major exhibitions for next season will be one of war-inspired new materials and new uses of familiar materials in the fields of architecture, house furnishings, appliances, clothing and accessories. This exhibition, which will be entitled "Inventions for Victory," will open on Oct. 22, 1942, and run through Sunday, Jan. 10, 1943.

Study of Economics

The Viking Press announces that Professor Joseph Dorfman of Columbia University is completing a study of the cultural development of American Economic Thought from the seventeenth century to the present. "It deals with the growth of economic ideas in relation to other intellectual disciplines and the currents of the social scene."

Rasputin



"Rasputin," film story of Czarist Russia, is now at the Irving Place Theatre together with "Underground," anti-Nazi thriller.

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COAST TO COAST

by MIKE QUIN

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

FOUND out something about Technicolor movies while I was down in Hollywood recently.

The various studios and companies do not have their own color equipment. When they want to make a film in color, special cameras and cameramen are obtained from the Technicolor company, and the job of processing the film is turned out to them. That's why there aren't more movies in color. The cost of production is considerably higher.

Even the color work on Disney and other animated cartoons is turned out to Technicolor.

So far there has been very little indication as to whether the public prefers color films or the old grey ones. It's a pretty safe bet, however, that once they got accustomed to color films, they wouldn't be content with the others.

A real test would be to have all films in color for a period of a few months. Then any attempt to return to the old grey film would be resisted.

As it stands now, when people read movie advertisements, they don't pay any attention to whether a film is in color or not, and don't seem to care much.

Technicolor is a three-color process. Three separate negatives run through the camera at once, each sensitive to a different color: red, yellow and blue. A grey print is made, then the three colors are transferred to it. Strangest thing about it is that although 600 men are employed in the Technicolor plant, very few—probably no more than three or four—know the full process. They are divided into separate, secluded departments. Each department handles one, minute phase of the job. The men in that department perform their work automatically without having any idea how it relates or fits into the rest of the process. Men are rarely ever transferred from one department to another.

Reason for this is to keep the process secret from competitors. I am told that similar methods prevail in many steel, aluminum, chemical and other plants throughout the country.

This naturally retards scientific progress and reduces the work of the men to a robot stage. Any creative interest they might take is thwarted. There is no opportunity for them to develop new ideas.

It's as if you took a job screwing bolts into little block of metal all day long without having any idea what they were for. The industry is not only deprived of what creative contributions the workers might develop, but the men themselves suffer psychologically—monotonous, uncreative work giving an unhealthy effect on human beings.

A new color process called Kodachrome has been perfected which takes all the colors on one negative. It is very satisfactory and expected to replace the technicolor process. So far, its use has been confined to small millimeter cameras.

Professional travelers have taken Kodachrome films with small movie cameras, and the firms have later been blown up, or enlarged, to full size. This is not wholly satisfactory because a tiny scratch on the small film enlarges to serious proportions on the large film.

One of the most interesting features of Technicolor is that they maintain a psychological department called "color control," which experiments with the effect of colors on human emotions. Different colors stimulate various emotions. The scenario is studied carefully and this department tries to plot color combinations which will aid the moods of the picture.

Technicolor's role in national defense is naturally indirect, since it does not plan and produce movies like a studio, merely cooperating in a technical way with the existing companies.

Photo League Teachers Present Exhibit

The Photo League School presents an exhibition of photographs by its instructors at the League Gallery, 31 East 21st St., through March 7. The exhibit will include work by Robert Capa, Alfred Eisenstadt, Herbert Gehr, George Stock, Miller Simon, Leo Lieh, and Roy Finney. Instructors in the Photo-Journalism course: Martin Harris, Glen Mill and Weegee. Instructors in Synchro-Flash: Carol Skikind, Basic Technique; Walter Rosenblum, Advanced Technique; Sid Grossman, Instructor of the Workshop class. The photographs exhibited are outstanding shots from regular assignments. School classes begin March 2. The Catalog will be sent on request.

Stanley Theatre Helps Victory Book Campaign

The Victory Book Campaign, under the joint sponsorship of the U.S.O., the Red Cross, and the American Library Association, has made arrangements with the Stanley Theatre management whereby patrons will receive a 10-cent reduction on tickets at any time during the run of "Girl From Leningrad," by presenting a book at the box-office.

"Girl From Leningrad," featuring Zoya Fyodorova in the title role of the heroic war nurse at the front, is now in its final week at the Stanley Theatre.

Warners Make Good-Will Shorts of South America

Production by Warner Bros. of a series of South American goodwill shorts has been launched in Santiago, Chile, under the direction of Del Frazier from the Warner studios in Burbank, Cal. The pictures are being made in cooperation with the Nelson Rockefeller and John Hay Whitney committees for improvement of inter-American relations.

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The Flying Rams of Fordham And the Start of a Great American Sport Tradition

Some four weeks ago 23 Fordham athletes, 14 of them members of last year's Cotton Bowl team, enlisted in a body in the Navy Aviation Corps, and set what may well become one of the great traditions of American athletics.

Members of this group include Jim Blumenstock, one of the grid stars of the year, Jim Lansing, captain-elect of the '42 team, Mat Maryanski, Joe Walling, Leo DeConcini and others.

Out at the Naval training base on Floyd Bennett Field, they have dubbed themselves "The Flying Rams" and are learning to fly the trim, powerful and deadly Curtiss P40's with which they hope to drive the Nazis and their Japanese stooges out of the skies.

Already similar squadrons composed of college football teams have enlisted en-masse in the air corps and are being readied for the death battle with Hitler's Storm-troop pilots.

Two Yale units, composed mainly of members of the last year's grid team, have already finished their courses at Floyd Bennett Field. They named themselves the "Flying Bulldogs." . . . Holy Cross has a squadron named the "Air Crusaders." . . . Boston College, long a power on the grid, has one named the "Navy Eagles," and Dartmouth, latest of the schools to join up has named theirs the "Flying Indians."

And a call to the Naval officials at the training base reveals that many other colleges on the Eastern coast-board have requested to be allowed to send enlistees en masse.

And there is no telling how far this wonderful idea may go.

There are limitless possibilities to the idea of whole teams joining the service together.

What poison these babies are going to be for Mr. Hitler's gang once they have finished their training and are flying the skies over Europe, India, Bataan, China, and sooner or later Germany itself.

And what will Herr Adolf and his crew think of such Aryan names as DeConcini, Maryanski, Pieculewicz, et al? Long after Hitler and fascism have been buried the tradition of the "Flying Rams" will be sung to.

Here is something which has started with Fordham but, we predict, will sweep the whole country before long.

MacMitchell a Scholar Too

Leslie MacMitchell, who runs a mean mile, has done plenty more than merely trot around tracks. . . The NYU marvel has amassed quite a respectable scholastic record at school, as a 90 per cent classroom average via 32 A's, 16 B's and 6 C's will attest. . . So athletes are dumb, eh?

L.I.U. Draws 'Em

LIU has proved to be the greatest drawing card among the metropolitan schools when it comes to basketball. . . The busy Bee-men have pulled over 100,000 fans through the turnstiles at Madison Square Garden so far this season.

For a small number of games they have played in the mark is as good as a majority of baseball teams in the majors can boast. . . If one needed any more proof that basketball is one of the most popular games in America, this should furnish it once and for all.

ROUNDUP:

Ex-Dodger Returns Contract, 'I'm Not Worth That Much'

Once a Dodger always a Dodger, so they say. . . And here's something that may sustain the claims of those who make that statement. . .

The Sporting News, baseball's trade paper, offers this choice bit. . . Wayne Osborn, who once pitched for the Dodgers, and who won 12 games while dropping as many with Hollywood in the Pacific Coast League last season, returned his contract unsigned. . .

With the contract was a letter in which the right-handed pitcher explains that he was returning it too much money, and because he believed he was not worth as much as last year. . .

When the club officials had recovered sufficiently they signed him at his \$1 salary.

Prospects of more night games this coming season doesn't frighten Pete Reiser, Dodger outfielder who led the league in batting last season with .343.

Pete remarked that he doesn't mind the lights at all. . . "All major league parks are well lighted and it is almost like playing in daylight. I even believe you can hit farther at night. The air is lighter, or something. At least it seems that way," he said down at Havana the other day.

Figures bear out the talented young star's statement. . . In 8 nocturnal contests last year Pete made 12 hits in 33 times at bat for a handsome .364 mark.

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AAU Meet Saturday

Your Chance to See Borican, MacMitchell, Rice et al

The current torrid track season will pull into high gear Saturday night at Madison Square Garden when the Annual AAU meet is run off with a field of the nation's greatest stars in action.

Leslie MacMitchell, Greg Rice and Cornelius Warmerdam will attempt to smash their own records for the mile, the 2-mile and the pole vault.

The 600 has the defending ruler in Jim Herbert, the National outdoor 800-meter champion in Charlie Beetham and two winners of the national 400-meter hurdles laurels, Roy Cochran and Arky Erwin.

The three-time victor in the 1,000, John Borican, will defend his honors from Gene Venske, one-time National mile king; Campbell Kane, the NCAA 880-yard title-

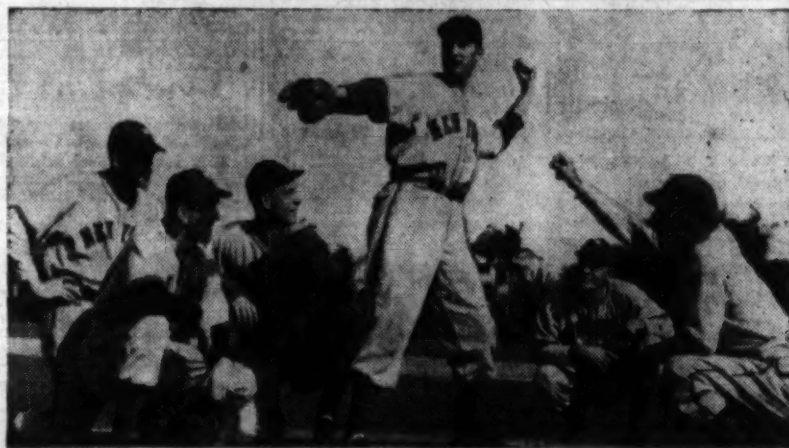
holder, Ed Burrows, former L.C.A. 880-yard champion, and Guillermo Huidobro, the Chilean who took two championships in the South American meet. However, there are plenty of strong other contenders in this race.

The mile will have the National AAU indoor and outdoor kings in Walter Mehl and Leslie Mac-

Mitchell; the junior ruler in Ed Culp, and James Rafferty, former Metropolitan champion, although the most formidable man in the race is an Indiana sophomore, Earl Mitchell.

Greg Rice is the head man in the three-miles where he will meet such former National champions as George DeGeorge and Eino Pentti as well as such present intercollegiate rulers as Gil Dodds, Fred Will, and Bob Nichols.

They've Gotta Come Through for Mel



MORE FROM THE SOUTH—Shown here are the Giant rookie hurlers who must come through if the Ottomans are to have a good season. Photo shows Coach Adolf Luque, right, giving a few pointers to Jesse Hanna. Watching are, left to right, John Hubbell, Dave Kooie, Hugh East and Ace Adams.

Meet Mr. Robert James Ruffin:

Ring Toughie Was Altar Boy; Got \$12 for 1st Fight

Bobby Will Get Crack at Champ Sammy Angott If He Licks Stolz Friday; Pop, Teddy Hubbs, Fought Benny Leonard

Bobby Ruffin combines, with his considerable boxing skill, one of the meanest dispositions inside the ring of any fighter since Ted Kid Lewis. . . Yet there was a day when Robert James Ruffin was a junior assistant scoutmaster with the Boy Scouts of America, an altar boy at the All Saints parochial school, and an honor guest at the August Hecksher Foundation camp in Peekskill, N. Y.

It would be a mistake to assume, however, that Ruffin was any part of a sissy as a youngster. . . On the contrary, he had far more than the ordinary youngster's share of street fights and, he insists today, he never lost one. . . Ruffin was born in Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 4, 1921. . . When he was 3 his family moved to New York and they have lived in various parts of the city, now in Astoria, L. I. . . After graduating from the All Saints school, Bobby attended Morris High for a year and a half and then Murray Hill Industrial High for six months, studying to be a machinist. . .

But Bobby always wanted to be a fighter. . . His father, who boxed under the name of Teddy Hubbs, was a good little fighter between the years 1909-22, meeting such men as Benny Leonard, Joe Shugrue, Frankie Fleming, Irish Patsy Cline. . . One day when Bobby was 15

and weighed less than 100 pounds he got himself involved in a street tussle with a man "almost twice his size." . . Suddenly Ruffin's father came along but he did not interfere because Bobby was doing very much better than all right. . . He made his opponent quit. . . Impressed by his son's performance, Hubbs took the youngster the next day to Grupp's gym in Harlem.

The very first time Bobby climbed through the ropes he broke the nose of a lad who had just reached the semi-finals of an amateur tournament. . . After a few months in the gym he traveled over to Pas-

aic, N. J., where he had his first real fight, outpointing Paddy O'Connor in four rounds of the Red Cochran-Johnny Robrig card. . . Bobby got \$12 for that effort but after expenses were paid he had to borrow carfare back to New York.

Things have got a lot better for Ruffin since that night. . . In exactly four years of ring activity (always as a professional fighter) he has developed to the point where he is now rated one of the foremost 135-pounders in the country. . .

Should he defeat Alie Stols in his 12-round at Madison Square Garden Feb. 27 he will be right in line for a lightweight title shot. . .

Bobby is managed by his father with the assistance of Murray Waxman, the incomparable ballyhoist. Ruffin is a conceited youngster and does a lot of bragging about what he can do—and then goes out and does it, like Dizzy Dean in his prime. . . Ruffin has an excellent knowledge of conditioning and knows a lot about proper diet. . . His trainers never tell him what to do.

BASKETBALL

One of the last basketball bills of the season will be played tonight at the Garden when NYU meets St. John's and City College, with a bid to the National Tourney almost certain, takes on Manhattan in the nightcap.

City has shown a decided uptake in form in their last two games against Brooklyn and Fordham in which they won handily. . . They should be able to cop rather easily from Manhattan, in spite of the fact that the Kelly Greens have won 4 of their last 7 games from the Beavers.

At the moment City is riding on a three game winning streak, while Manhattan is struggling along with a four game losing streak. But Neil Cohalan believes his boys can spring an upset and lick City.

"I honestly think we can beat City," he said yesterday, "although the boys have dropped their last four games they have learned a lot and have come a long way."

If Cohalan's belief pans out the City-Manhattan game should be a corker, but as things look now the contest between St. John's and NYU should be the more hectic one. . . NYU has won 13 games and lost 3 while St. John's has won 13 while dropping 4, so both teams will be fighting hard.

Monday night LIU showed how ready it is for the National Tourney when the Blackbirds ran all over strong Canisius to the tune of 58-46, with center Dick Holub setting an all-time scoring record for the Brooklyn court by tallying 30 points on 11 field goals and 8 fouls.

After the first few minutes, when Canisius had run up an 11-4 lead, Holub was irreplaceable, and LIU was never headed.

In almost believe-it-or-not fashion all of LIU's field goals were scored by Holub, with 11, Waxman with 7 and Lennie Rader with 4.

SCORE

L.I.U. (M)	G.F.P.	CANISIUS (M)	G.F.P.
Reinders, Jr.	0 1	W. J. Noland, Jr.	3 2
Reynolds	0 0	W. T. Noland, Jr.	1 1
King	0 0	W. J. Noland, Jr.	3 2
Lewis, Jr.	0 0	W. J. Noland, Jr.	3 2
Waxman	7 1	W. J. Noland, Jr.	3 2
Holub, Jr.	11 3	W. J. Noland, Jr.	3 2
H. Rader, Jr.	4 1	W. J. Noland, Jr.	3 2
Fuchsner	0 0	W. J. Noland, Jr.	3 2
Schneider	0 0	W. J. Noland, Jr.	3 2
Cohalan	0 0	W. J. Noland, Jr.	3 2
L. Rader	4 1	W. J. Noland, Jr.	3 2
Total	58 46	Total	18 13 49
Officials—Solodars and Lohough.			

Mize in Giant Fold; Werber, Leiber, Question Marks

Johnny Signs for \$20,000 and Reports His Shoulder in Perfect Shape

After Johnny Mize had signed his contract yesterday in Miami, the big ex-Card immediately went into his first practice session to convince Manager Mel Ott that the shoulder injury he suffered last year had completely cleared up and that he was ready to take over the first-base job for the Cooogan Bluffers.

But while Johnny was convincing everybody around of his fitness, Mel Ott was troubled about the shape of his infield and a member of the outfield.

There are some mighty important question marks staring Ott in the face. . .

(1) Can Billy Werber, the ex-Cincinnati flash come back? . . . Billy is now a vet of 33 and has been around the majors like a traveling salesman. After some brilliant seasons with the Reds Billy's batting average sunk to an all-time low last year when he hit a measly .239.

That is hardly enough for a guardian of the hot corner, and Billy will have to boost the ante quite a bit if he is to be much of a help to the team.

(2) Can 22-year-old Connie Ryan, two years removed from the American Legion sandlots, measure up to the standards required of a big-league 2nd baseman?

According to coach Hank DeBerry, Connie is one of the greatest finds to come along in years. In fact since Nap Lajoie and Frankie Frisch.

(3) Has Hank Lieber, slugging outfielder who is counted upon so heavily by Mel Ott to bolster the batting order, sufficiently recovered from his numerous beatings to go the full schedule of 154 games without being hurt?

These are the question marks facing Mel and perhaps he will soon have the answer.

No news has been received from shortstop Billy Jurges and it is assumed that he has rejected his first contract.

Joe Oringo, and Harry Feldman have both handed in their signed contracts. . . Mize is reported to have signed for a neat \$20,000, which is about \$2,000 more than he received with the Cards.

Bob Carpenter, a mild sensation last year is an adamant holdout.

Only 12 Yanks In Florida

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 24.—The New York Yankees took the field today for their first official workout of the Spring training season but the presence of only 12 players indicated the holdout situation had assumed serious proportions.

Unsigned players include Red Ruffing, Johnny Lindell, Marty Rizzo, Johnny Lindell, Alie Donald, Spud Chandler, Marvin Brenner, Bill Dickey, Joe DiMaggio, Stan Bordagaray, Joe Gordon, Frankie Crosetti, Red Rolfe, Gerry Priddy and Charlie Keller.

Lindell, Murphy and Chandler conferred with Manager Joe McCarthy, but the signing of players is entirely out of his hands this year.

Phil Rizzo appeared at the field but McCarthy ordered him away until next Monday with the admonition that he did not need too much work.

Johnny Lindell is one of the more interesting Yank holdouts. Called up this year from Newark, the top-flight Yank farm club, Lindell points to his six years of service on the chain, his pitching record and then at the \$6,000 contract offered him by the front office.

Last year John was selected by the Sporting News as the outstanding minor league player after he turned in a season of fine pitching showing 23 wins as against only

four set-backs. Lindell pitched three shut-outs and turned in an earned run average of 2.05. His four losses were all registered during night games. Three of these contests were extra inning affairs where the games were decided by one run.

During his six years, in which Lindell served with Joplin, Birmingham, Oakland, Kansas City and Newark, he has won eighty games while losing but 27. His batting prowess is nothing an opposing pitcher can rest on. Johnny is a big man (tallest on the Yank roster) standing 6 ft. 4 in. and weighing 217 pounds he comes in handy as a pinch hitter and spare outfielder.

What's more the Yanks are in need of a new pitcher since two of their newcomers, Steve Peak and George Stanoanu are already serving with the armed forces.

Holub, Rader on Radio

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Cardinals

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 24 (UP).—Manager Billy Southworth of the St. Louis Cardinals told his advance training squad of pitchers and catchers today that baseball owes that much to the nation during the war emergency, and the players must realize that the reason they are not in the service is because they have dependents and that they owe it to their country and to these dependents to give their utmost.

All except Pitcher Lon Warneke, who got a few days to finish painting his house in Hot Springs, Ark., and Catcher Walker Cooper, who missed a train, were on hand.

Athletics

ANAHEIM, Calif., Feb. 24.—A squad of 14 pitchers, two catchers, seven outfielders and eight infielders participated in the first full-scale drill staged by the Philadelphia Athletics today.

First Baseman Dick Siebert and Outfielders Bob Johnson and Mike Kreech remained on the holdout list.

Red Ruffing, unsigned New York Yankees pitcher, worked out with the A's but said he figured to sign before the end of the week.

Connie Mack, veteran Athletics' pilot, is knee deep in infield problems. Catcher Frankie Hayes, Third Baseman Louis Blair and Infielder Jack Wallasea have been ordered to take it easy because of injured knees.

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who automatically became holdouts when they failed to report for the first workout.

Cubs

AVALON, Cal.—Kiki Cuyler, former Chicago outfielder and now a coach, has been assigned the task of teaching Lou Novikoff how to run instead of waddle.

"He throws all his efforts to the sides when he returns instead of reaching forward with his legs," moaned Kiki of the Mad Russian's stiff-legged prance.

Tigers

LAKELAND, Fla.—Del Baker, Detroit manager, thinks Dick Wakefield, the former University of Michigan outfielder, who signed for a reported \$45,000, has improved "50 per cent over last year."

"But," added Baker, "he still has a long way to go."

Senators

ORLANDO, Fla.—It was a ball players Christmas in the camp of the Washington Senators today with the athletes slugging away happily at the offerings of a mechanical pitcher which never missed the plate. Jack Wilson, former Red Sox hurler, arrived in camp and

completed the roster of batterymen except for Dutch Leonard, as holdout.

Reds

TAMPA, Fla.—Ray Blades, Cincinnati Red coach, who was a fair infielder, is teaching big Hank Sauer the trick. The rookie came up from Birmingham as a first baseman, but will be shifted to the garden by the Reds.

Red Sox

BOSTON—Ken Chase, Tex. Hughson and Mike Ryba, all pitchers, and Catcher Frankie Pylak were outside the fold today as the Red Sox party of officials, coaches and writers left for Sarasota, Fla., where the training grind begins on Thursday.

Pirates

EL CENTRO, Cal.—The Pittsburgh Pirates wasted no time in starting their first workout. Hardly had the train stopped yesterday before Manager Frankie Frisch led his twenty-five hopefuls to the ball park.

Coach Honus Wagner, who celebrates his 68th birthday anniversary yesterday, will leave Pittsburgh Saturday with the second batch of Pirates.